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NEXT 48 HOURS WILL BE MOST CRITICAL IN HISTORY OF LEAGUE

Italian Withdrawal Almost Certain Unless Sanctions Lifted



The South-west lost a valuable diplomat when Mr. Hu Han-min, above, the 52-year-old veteran Kuomintang leader and former colleague of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, succumbed last night in Canton to cerebral haemorrhage.

PLAIN WARNING TO JAPAN

"Instinctive Policy
Of Defiance"

REJECTION OF SYSTEM OF
NON-AGGRESSION PACTS

London, To-day.
"Japan would do well to reconsider her instinctive policy of defiance in the light, not of 1904 but of 1940," says *The Times* in a leader dealing with Mr. Terauchi's references to the Japanese fleet and the Japanese army's rejection of the non-aggression pact with the Soviet.

It says that if Mr. Terauchi's words are a fair reflection of future policy the outlook in the Pacific is dark indeed. If Japan has no use for non-aggression pacts she is committed to an armaments race with Russia, in which her opponents have every advantage.

In no important respect can Japan, without resort to aggression, strengthen her military position on the Asiatic mainland. The only scope for warlike preparations on an important scale is on the Russian side.

The improvement of the railway system in Siberia is a vital factor of the situation, and still more important is the question of the air arm. The numbers and cruising range of the Soviet bombers will increase with time, till at last Japan's vague fears will be specific, immediate and acute. — *Reuter*.

11 INCHES OF RAIN WANTED THE POSITION AT SHING MUN

Another 540,000,000 gallons of water is needed at Shing Mun before the reservoir, at the present stage of its construction, will be full.

This information was obtained by the *China Mail* from Mr. Gifford Hull, the resident engineer at the Shing Mun Scheme, this morning. Mr. Hull said that the storage at the reservoir at present was 60,000,000 gallons, but the capacity was 600,000,000 gallons, and as an inch of rainfall would bring in approximately 50,000,000 gallons of water, another 11 inches of rain is required before Shing Mun can be full.

BUDGET TRIBUNAL BATES GIVES EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THOMAS INSISTED ON SELLING MORE SECURITIES AGAINST ADVICE

London, To-day.
The session of the budget tribunal yesterday was devoted to a statement by Sir Maurice Hankey, Secretary to the Cabinet, on Cabinet practice. He said that the Cabinet normally received four or five days' notice of the budget decisions, but this year, in consequence of the Easter period, they were informed of them on April 9. For reasons of secrecy the members of the Cabinet took no notes of such business.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, Minister for the Colonies, will attend the tribunal to-morrow.

Mr. Alfred Bates yesterday afternoon gave the tribunal his version of the insurance transactions. He described himself as the founder of an old-established Fleet Street advertising agency, largely engaged in work for bookmakers and race-courses.

GENERAL STRIKE IN GREECE

Government Taking
Precautions

Athens, To-day.
The Government has published a mobilisation decree calling to the colours all railway and tramway employees. The action has been taken in anticipation of a 24-hours' general strike proclaimed from midnight, to protest against the loss of lives at Salonika.

Meanwhile the strike of tobacco workers, which started the unrest at Salonika, has been settled as a result of Government intervention. — *Reuter's Bulletin Service*.

DELIBERATIONS ON LOCARNO

Three Powers Meet
In Geneva

Geneva, To-day.
The representatives of France, Great Britain and Belgium met yesterday to discuss the Locarno question, and it was agreed that the deliberations now in progress should be carried to a successful conclusion as soon as possible, and later another meeting will be held to exchange views on the matter. — *Trans-Ocean Service*.

GERMAN ANSWER AWAITED

London: Early yesterday afternoon there was a meeting at Geneva of the Powers adhering to the Locarno Treaty at which Mr. Anthony Eden, M. Paul-Boncour and M. Van Zeeland were present. A communique states that the representatives of three Governments, while emphasising their interest in having the matters undertaken lead to a result as soon as possible, were obliged, in view of the fact that the British enquiry for the elucidation of a certain number of points in the German Government's memorandum had not been completed, to postpone further consideration to another meeting.

The communique adds that the representatives considered that as soon as the German reply had been received the other Locarno Powers should without delay have an exchange of views. — *British Wireless Service*.

REARMAMENT OF THE DARDANELLES

Turkish Request To Be Considered

Geneva, To-day.
The signatories of the Locarno Treaty will meet at Montreux, on the shores of Lake Geneva, on June 22, to consider the Turkish request regarding the rearmament of the Dardanelles. — *Reuter's Bulletin Service*.

EDEN PLAYS FOR TIME

GENEVA TALKS
ADJOURNED

Dramatic Appeal By
Abyssinian Delegate

"TRAGIC MOMENT FOR LEAGUE
AND ETHIOPIA"

Geneva, To-day.
Mr. Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, presiding at the public meeting of the League Council yesterday, submitted a resolution proposing that the discussion of the Italo-Abyssinian dispute be adjourned until June 15, and in the meantime that there be no relaxation of sanctions. The resolution expressed the opinion that further time was necessary to consider the situation created and the grave new steps taken by the Italian Government.

M. Wolde Mariam, the Abyssinian delegate, asked the Council to condemn vigorously the new policy of the Italian Government and appealed for the application of sanctions in all force, so that all States, weak and strong, might be reassured against the unscrupulous actions of a neighbouring Power. He added: "This is a tragic moment for Abyssinia." On the resolution depended not only the future of the League but its very existence. (Continued on Page 12)

AMY MOLLISON'S FLIGHT CONTINUED

London, To-day. — Mrs. Amy Mollison is reported in a Nairobi message to have reached Jubba yesterday afternoon. — *British Wireless Service*.

FLEET MOVEMENTS

H.M.S. Bruce is due to leave for the North to-morrow. The U.S.S. Sacramento is also due to leave port after a short stay here.

BOMBING PLANES FOR HOLLAND

Construction Begun In
America

Baltimore, To-day.
It is authoritatively learned that the construction for the Netherlands Government of 13 bombing planes costing \$1,500,000 has been begun at the Glenn L. Martin factory. — *Reuter*.

Berlin Worried By The Soviet-Mongolian Pact

Berlin, To-day. — The silence observed towards the Soviet Russia-Mongolian mutual aid treaty of March 12 — noticeably in League circles — has provoked a sharp comment by the *Deutsche Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz*, because of the profound effect the pact will have on future world politics.

The *Korrespondenz* says that the Soviet-Mongolian Pact and the Franco-Soviet pact, which served as its model, have one feature in common, namely, that both ignore all the objections and protests of the party directly concerned. Immediately after the pact became known, China protested that the terms did not harmonise with the treaty between Moscow and Nanking about the status of Outer Mongolia, China's sovereignty being indisputably established by the Russo-Chinese Treaty of May 31, 1924. To China's protest Russia was not able to offer any valid answer.

CONFIDENCE WANES IN PARIS LEAGUE STRONG ENOUGH FOR CLIMAX?

CONSTERNATION AT GENEVA

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Geneva, To-day.
The disinclination shown by the League Council on Monday to regard the Abyssinian conflict as finally disposed of by Signor Mussolini's proclamation in Rome was reinforced yesterday, when in a public session and in the absence of the Italian delegation the Council passed the following resolution:

"The Council, within whose competence it falls to examine the Italo-Abyssinian conflict, recalls the conclusions placed on record and the decisions arrived at in this matter on October 3, 1935. The Council is of the opinion that a certain lapse of time is necessary to enable the members to consider the situation which arises through the grave actions just taken by the Italian Government. The Council resolves to resume its discussions of the matter on June 15 and considers that in the meanwhile it would be appropriate to modify the measures which were taken by the League Council before."

This means that sanctions will continue in force for at least another five weeks.

Consternation reigned here yesterday afternoon when it became known that the Italian delegation had received orders from Signor Mussolini to leave Geneva immediately. This action is interpreted here not only as protest against the presence of the Abyssinians at the Council table, but is also thought to be the beginning of Italy's complete withdrawal from the League.

This impression was only strengthened later in the afternoon by a statement made to journalists here by a responsible member of the Italian delegation, who said: "The League of Nations has again failed to apply to Italy the same standard as it does to other nations. Sanctions have neither been enforced against Japan, Germany or Paraguay, and when they were applied against Italy it was said that it was in order to shorten the duration of the war."

"Now it would be only logical to lift the sanctions, as the war is over. But yesterday and to-day the contrary was done. The conflict is thus artificially kept alive, and dangers of new conflicts will result from it. If, despite Chile's motion of to-day, the sanctions are still retained in force, Italy's attitude will be passive."

When asked whether this meant Italy's withdrawal from the League, it was answered: "The next 48 hours will show that." (Continued on Page 12)

LONDON NAVAL TREATY

Sent To Senate For
Ratification

Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt has sent the London Naval Treaty to the Senate for ratification. The Foreign Relations Committee has arranged that the hearings on the treaty will begin to-day. — *Reuter*.

EMPRESS OF ASIA DELAYED

The B.M.S. Empress of Asia which was expected to arrive from Manila at daybreak to-day, has been unavoidably delayed by fog and will enter the harbour as soon as it lifts.

BALDWIN'S REPLY TO BADOGLIO

Ethiopian Minister
Recognised

ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE
OF ABYSSINIA

London, To-day.

Notwithstanding Marshal Badooglio's notification to the Legations in Addis Ababa, that they are no longer official missions but merely private persons, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, informed the House of Commons yesterday, replying to Mr. Garro Jones, Labour Member of Parliament for Aberdeen, that Sir Sidney Barton had been instructed to proceed on the basis that the Italian military authorities shall be accorded the recognition to which an army of occupation in enemy territory is entitled, under the principles of international law.

He added that the Ethiopian Minister in London was recognised as the accredited Abyssinian representative, deriving his authority from the Emperor. — *Reuter*.

(Continued on Page 12)

STOP PRESS

Manila, To-day.
The High Commissioner, Mr. Frank Murphy, is leaving by the s.s. President Coolidge, for Washington. He is being accompanied by President Quezon as far as either Shanghai or Hong Kong. — *Reuter*.

U. S. ARMY PLANE LOST

Panama, To-day.
An United States army bombing plane crashed in flames in the jungle near Penonome yesterday. Two occupants were killed and three others are believed to be wandering in the jungle. The plane previously sent a wireless message saying that her engine had stalled and that she was losing altitude. — *Reuter*.



Mr. Alfred Sze, above, Chinese Ambassador to Washington, called on Mr. Henry A. Morgenthau yesterday, presumably to put the finishing touches to the Sino-American monetary agreement.

COMMUNISTS IN SIKANG

Little Opposition by
Provincial Forces

NANKING TROOPS IN SUPPORT

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.
Crack Nanking troops under the command of the Cantonese General Hsieh Yoh have been ordered into Sikang to assist in the defence of the province, which has been invaded by 15,000 Reds under Hsiao Keh and Ho Lung, according to a Kuning report received here yesterday afternoon.

The Reds are entering Sikang with little resistance from the provincial troops, their objective being Pa Tan near Szechuen and will turn westward after reaching Sai Chang.

Yunnan troops from the South are unable to chase the Reds any farther, as they are all driven out of the province. The provincial forces are not strong enough to embark on distant expeditions. General Hsieh Yoh's troops are located at Ya Kiang on the Ya Kiang River. A decisive battle will determine whether the Reds can push northward to join their comrades in Northern Szechuen.

On the Shansi front, the Reds are reported to have crossed the Yellow River, the western border of Shansi, on their return to Shensi. The outlaws have abandoned hundreds of rifles and several light field-pieces and trench mortars.

SINO - AMERICAN AGREEMENT

Terms To Be published
To-day?

Washington, To-day.
The disclosure of the terms of the Sino-American monetary agreement may come to-day, it is learned, but whether or not the agreement will be published depends on the attitude of the Chinese Government.

The Chinese delegation, headed by the Ambassador, Mr. Alfred Sze, called on Mr. Henry A. Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, yesterday morning, presumably to put the finishing touches to the agreement. In the afternoon they were received by President Roosevelt, which is regarded as an indication that the negotiations have definitely been concluded. — *Reuter*.

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Donau (via Siberia) 14

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Jackson May 15

FROM SHANGHAI

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Donau 14
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Rajputana 15
Agamemnon 19
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FROM MANILA

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Victoria 21

FROM JAPAN

Ginjo Maru May 14
Penang Maru 15
Pres. Jackson 15
Rajputana 15
Nagato Maru 21
Chichibu Maru 22
Buenos Aires Maru 23

FROM AUSTRALIA

Atsuta Maru May 21

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Emp. of Asia (via Vancouver) May 14
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Rajputana (K.L.M. Service) 14
Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.
R.M.A. Dorado (Imperial Airways direct Service) 15
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 8.15 a.m.
Pres. Coolidge (via San Francisco) 15
Closes: Reg. 3 p.m. Ord. 4.15 p.m.
Chenonceaux (Air Orient Service) 19
Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.
Agamemnon (via Marseilles) 20
Closes: Reg. 8.45 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.

FOR SHANGHAI

Emp. of Asia May 14
Jean Laborde 15
Pres. Coolidge 15
Yasukuni Maru 19

FOR MANILA

Taiping May 14
Pres. Jackson 16

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Kutsang May 13
Rajputana 16
Agamemnon 20
Buenos Aires Maru 23

FOR JAPAN

Emp. of Asia May 14
Taiping 15
Jean Laborde 15
Pres. Coolidge 15
Yasukuni Maru 19
Tyndareus 21

Women's Page

THE FOUNDATION GARMENT

Corsets Give Body Backing

INCHES OF REDUCTION

A fashionable figure cannot stand still, it must vary its curves each year so as to conform to the accepted silhouette. Which means that the corsets of yesterday are as outmoded as the hats you so blithely wore in 1935.

Many exciting things have been happening in the corset industry of late. With style of paramount consideration, the comfort and health of women have likewise been taken into careful consideration when the new models have been developed.

Corset stylists have to be at the head of the fashion parade, sensing every turn of the mode, for they must provide women with foundation garments that will create the figure lines demanded by the new modes.

New clothes, clothes for Spring, clothes for summer and clothes for travelling to far off places, now occupy the thoughts of countless women, who have not so much as given a thought to the corsets they will wear beneath these attractive garments.

At The Beginning

So let us begin at the beginning of the interpretation of the new mode and make our selection of foundation garments long before we start trying on new dresses. Few women seem to realize that a skillfully cut corset not alone gives the figure the prevailing silhouette of fashion, but will often cause a great difference of body measurement. One to three inches reduction of waist and hip sizes is the common result of correct modern corseting.

CLEANING FELT HATS

Felt hats may be cleaned by rubbing some French chalk into the material, then leaving in for a few hours before brushing out.

FOR U.S.A.

Emp. of Asia May 14
Tyndareus 21

FOR AUSTRALIA

R.M.A. Dorado May 15



Carefully selected silver fox pelts of more than average beauty and perfection are used to make up this cape worn by Ann Sothorn, the screen actress.

INTERESTING NEW FASHIONS

For The Young And Old Alike

Replums and exquisite lingerie touches (inspired by the French play, "Margot"), pagoda points in sleeves and short, loose jackets (Chinese Art Exhibition in London), redingotes and long scarfs (Directoire influence)—all of these spring style notes are especially appropriate touches for mature figures.

Whether you are a 14 or a 42, the new fashions are interesting. However, it just so happens that practically all of them are perfect for the woman who has gone far beyond the size 14 category.

Favourites Not Flattering

First of all, when she starts out to shop for a street dress she ought to look at tunics, bolero jackets and redingote dresses and cape models. Tunics are kind to large hips. Capes make a large, tall woman look Junoesque instead of overweight. Bolero jackets as Mary Laird, New York expert on what adult figures should wear, points out, break the line of the bust, but do not conceal the normal waistline.

The good-taste-in-dressing rules which a large figure should follow are the same as the one for slender young things. Get whatever makes you feel comfortable and happy when you are with others. Don't make up your mind that you can't be smart and large at the same time or that every mode of the moment is anathema to you.

When Redecorating The House

Many small alterations which would improve the appearance and comforts of a house are often neglected because of the cost of redecorating afterwards. This is specially true of alterations or additions to the woodwork of a room, for the new paint on them, however skilfully it is matched, can never look the same as the old paintwork. So when the decision is made that the time for redecorating has come, the best plan is to consider before the decorators are called in what alterations or additions are needed to the woodwork of the rooms.

Often in a living-room there are alcoves on either side of the fireplace which can be filled in to the height of the mantelpiece, thus making two excellent low cupboards and a useful, pleasing-looking ledge which runs the length of the wall. A bedroom recess can be filled up to the ceiling to make a large linen cupboard or it can be built the height of a wardrobe and take the place of that piece of furniture. Sometimes alternative heating apparatus has been installed in a corner of the kitchen and proves as indispensable in use as it is ugly in appearance. By boarding it in the kitchen can be restored to its former neat appearance and a good cupboard thus made for the housing of brooms and sweepers.



ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS

When cleaning white, artificial flowers sprinkle them well with powdered starch, and then brush with a soft brush.

COLD WATER AND A ROUGH TOWEL

New Gadgets For The Bathroom

There was a time about thirty years ago when England was very unfortunately situated in regard to the reputation attending her ablutional habits. She was looked upon as being very dirty by Americans, because the number of her bathrooms was so limited in comparison with the works of the American plumber; and she was looked upon as very dirty in France because she washed so much.

Since then both England and the Continent have accepted in an increasing degree the pleasing, if not very virile, habit of keeping clean by favour of the plumber rather than by virtue of meticulous attention, with hands, sponge and soap, to every portion of one's person. There are moments when old-fashioned people, thoroughly enjoying a sojourn up to the neck in hot water, and feeling an exquisite languor steal over them, reflect with some dismay upon scrappy recollections of what they learned of the decadence of the Roman Empire, and wonder whether cold water and a rough towel are not really better for a nation.

However, these qualms may shorten any particular bath during which they occur, but will never affect the extreme interest with which both men and women regard the appearance of the modern bathroom. Inventors make new gadgets for it every week. house-decorators think out colour schemes, paint-makers invent steam-proof surfaces, and the place becomes so well-fitted that it has come right to consider itself the petted favourite of all the rooms in the house.

PIPING-CORD

Piping-cord that is to be used in the making of loose covers for chairs is apt to shrink when the covers are washed and spoil their fit. To prevent this the cord should be well soaked in boiling water and then hung up loosely and allowed to dry slowly before it is made up into the covers.

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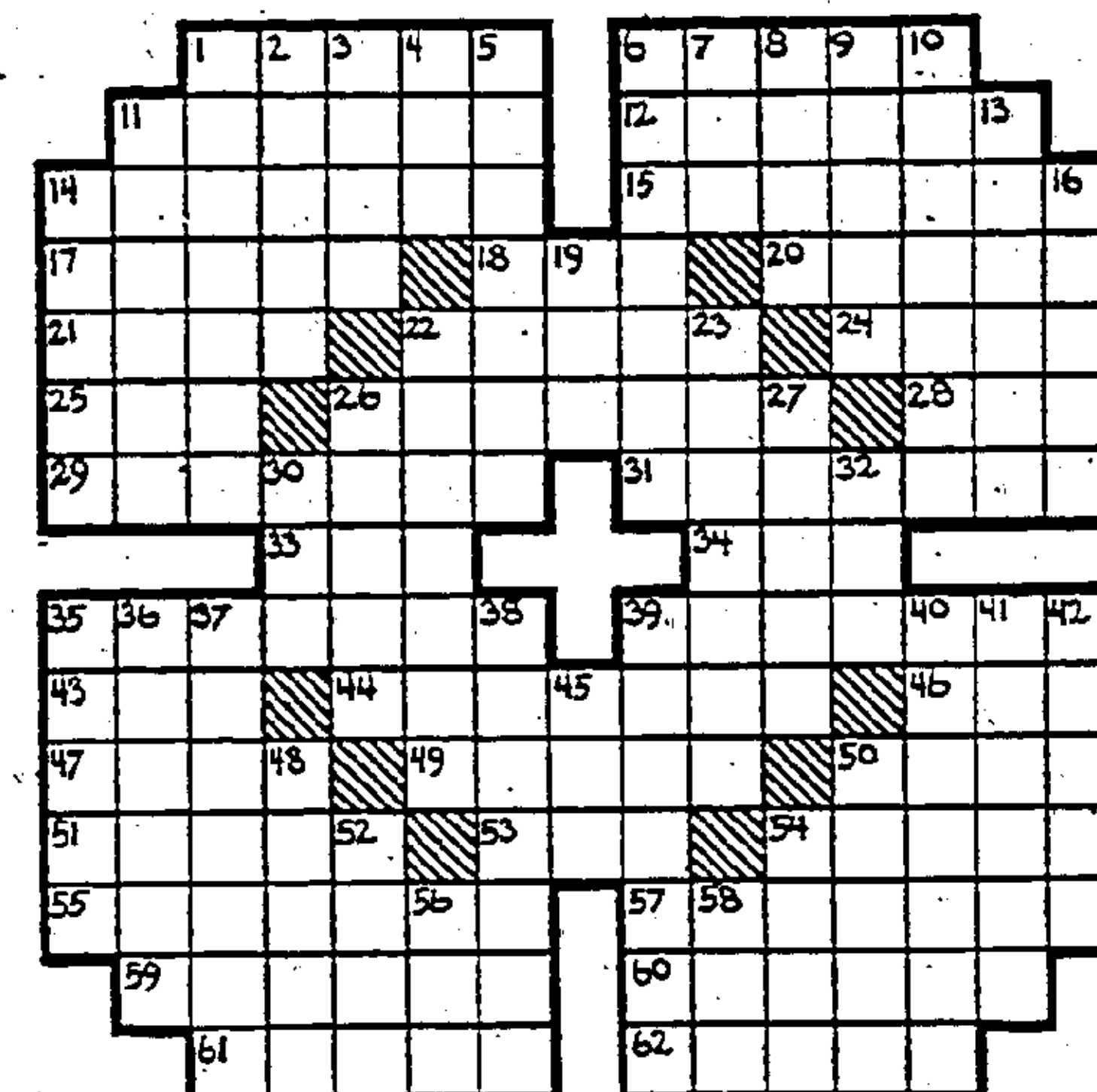
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This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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| <p>HORIZONTAL</p> <p>1-Antic
6-Sleep
11-Withdraw from action
12-Conveyed by horses
14-Degraded
15-Came
17-Notes
18-Make a mistake
20-Soft, adhesive mud
21-Food containers
22-Force air violently through nostrils
24-Wrong doing
25-Small bird
26-Among
28-A point of compass (abbr.)
29-Results
31-Dozes
33-High mountain
34-Fish eggs
35-Conveyed
39-Those who do wrong
43-Metric land measure
44-Empowers
46-A book of the Bible (abbr.)</p> | <p>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</p> <p>47-Pania
48-Truster
50-Blemish
51-A Roman historian
53-A point of compass (abbr.)
54-Tally
55-Drug for contracting pupil of eye
57-Became exhausted
59-Pertaining to three
60-Equaled
61-Wise men
62-Graded</p> <p>VERTICAL</p> <p>1-Holds together firmly
2-Small particles
3-Deep holes
4-Before
5-Is indignant at
6-Marked with an asterisk
7-Pronoun
8-Vegetable spikes
9-Man's name
10-Restores
11-Hold</p> | <p>VERTICAL (Cont.)</p> <p>13-To bestow by will
14-Plural of dictum
16-Takes out (Print.)
19-A line
22-Snake
23-Kind of dog
26-Contradict
27-Mid-day (pl.)
30-Conflict
32-Tumor
35-English novelist
36-Check
37-Harvesters
38-Weeds
39-Slumberer
40-Called for a repetition
41-Erected
42-A bit
45-Slightly sweetened cake
48-Water-raising wheel (Sp.)
50-View
52-Carol
54-Let stand (proof reading)
58-No (Scot)
59-Girl's name</p> |
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The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

FLOWERS AND FEATHERS

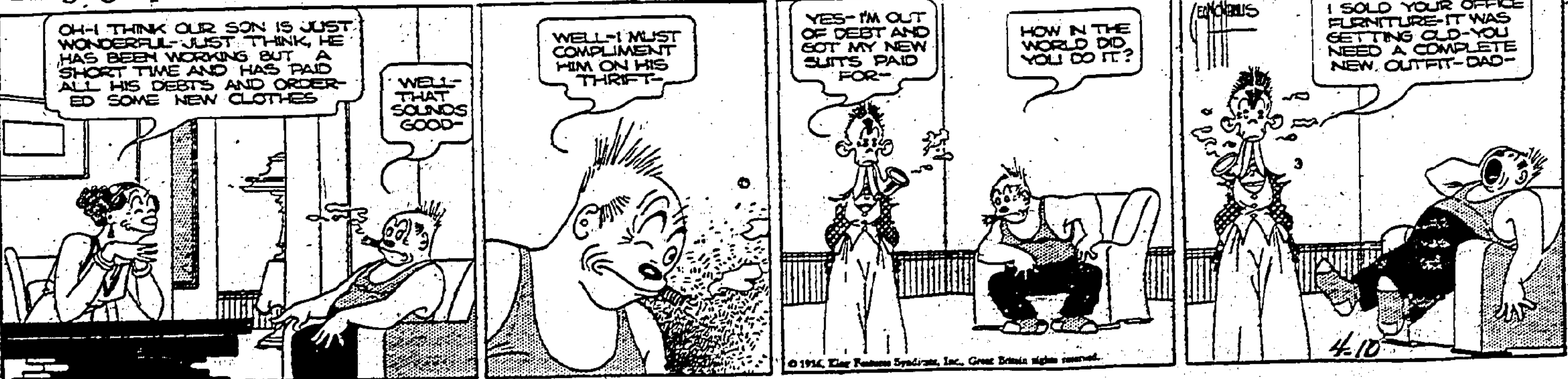
Masses of spring blossoms, beautifully made and cleverly placed, are pleasing reminders of the Edwardian floral toques. The same applies to ostrich tips and wings, all delightfully demonstrated by the modern milliner.

Such things must be kept for the right occasions. It is not wise for every woman to attempt flowers or feather. They should be worn in the correct environment.

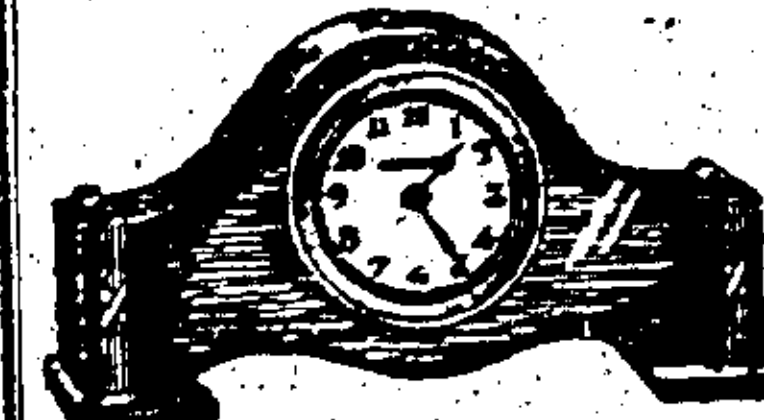
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THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 16th May, 1936, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The Les Novara and Ricardo Troupe of French musical, dancing and acrobatic entertainers, who have appeared in some of the best known hotels and ball-rooms throughout Europe and the Far East, will make their initial appearance in Hong Kong on the stage of the Central Theatre from next Saturday to next Monday, in conjunction with "Laughing at Life," an adventure melodrama starring Victor McLaglen.

Among the various items in the Troupe's repertoire is an Apache Dance or "Night in Paris," an equilibrium act, hanging by a rope, a test of strength and nerve in mid-air, a musical act by Miss Odette Navara and other items.

The Troupe enjoyed great success in Manila, where they were invited to broadcast.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"THE GARDEN MURDER CASE"—KING'S THEATRE

As the super-scientific detective, Edmund Lowe gives a performance in this picture that is utterly delightful. He crawls his way in and out of a series of thrilling adventures, more than once being in actual danger of sudden death.

But not one of his thrills can be compared to his sudden falling in love! It is the first time in Philo's adventures that he was undergone this experience, and the way he reacts to romantic situations is at once humorous and entertaining.

Virginia Bruce is the smart society girl who gives him palpitation of the heart, and to save her from police suspicion he risks not only his reputation, but his life.

Supporting the two principals is a strong cast, each member of which deserves special mention. Outstanding in their roles are Benita Hume, Douglas Walton, Nat Pendleton, Gene Lockhart, H. B. Warner, Kent Smith, Grant Mitchell, and Frieda Inescort, while Henry B. Walthall, Jessie Ralph, Charles Trowbridge and Etienne Girardot contribute notably.

"WITHOUT REGRET"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

Never has Elissa Landi, Paramount actress, been assigned a role demanding so much from her acknowledged versatile capabilities as in "Without Regret." Paramount's sophisticated romance featuring also Paul Cavanagh, Frances Drake and Kent Taylor.

Her newest characterisation is a complete deviation from her past performances. Recognised as a comedienne, in sophisticated comedy parts, of exceptional skill, Miss Landi appears in an intensely dramatic portrayal which calls forth all the deep emotional histrionics which she has proved herself to possess.

In "Without Regret," Miss Landi gives a performance that justifies the varied talents of which she is capable. As an attractive young woman travelling in China, she is swept off her feet by the ardent attentions of Kent Taylor, handsome, ne'er-do-well aviator. She lives to regret her marriage to him. Being officially informed of his death, she marries again, this time a man worthy of her love, Paul Cavanagh, wealthy, famous titled London physician.

Frances Drake, Taylor's ex-sweetheart appears, informing her that her first husband is alive and demanding blackmail or she will expose the bigamous marriage of her rival. Many dramatic, thrilling situations follow Miss Landi's attempt to save her husband's career from scandal, disgrace and ultimate ruin.

"YELLOW DUST"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

When a hard young prospector falls in love with an alluring California gold camp entertainer, tells her the location of the richest mine he has ever struck, and then hears that she has not only filed claim on his mine for herself, but is favouring a suave crook, storms of action burst amidst the thunder of six-guns in Richard Dix's latest "RKO Radio opus, "Yellow Dust," a saga of the mad gold rush days.

Leila Hyams is the beautiful singer, Onslow Stevens the crooked mining town boss. Jessie Ralph, Admy Clyde, Moroni Olsen and Ted Oliver are prominently cast. Wallace Fox directed "Yellow Dust."

"SO RED THE ROSE"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

This picture, with Margaret Sullivan and Randolph Scott in the leading roles, deals with the American Civil war and shows the desolation it caused, not by battle scenes, but by what it did to one particular family.

The Bedfords (Walter Connolly and Janet Beecher) live a happy and peaceful life on their plantation with their lovely daughter (Miss Sullivan) and her cousin (Randolph Scott). If you have tears, prepare to shed them now, as the beautiful acting from all concerned and the poignantly true picture just arrived from the old

BRIDGE NOTES

When To Take Out In Notrump

By Ely Culbertson

A bid of one notrump over partner's opening suit bid, when the next opponent has passed, is known as a negative response. It denies sufficient strength for a raise or a take-out in a suit.

A take-out of one no trump should be made when holding one honour trick with stoppers in two suits; or one-plus to two-plus honour tricks, however distributed.

Since a one no trump response shows weakness, the opening hand probably will pass unless holding well over the minimum strength required for his opening suit one bid.

Partner bid one heart. Bid one no trump with:
S Q 8 3 H 6 5 D 9 6 4 2 C K 8 6 3
S 7 4 H 4 3 2 D 10 8 5 C A Q 8

With greater strength, but still lacking the proper type of hand for a suit take-out or a raise, bid two no trump. The two no trump take-out is forcing to game and shows 2½ to 3½ honour tricks, with at least two cards of partner's suit.

Playing no trump contracts, it often is wise to refuse to win the first lead of opponent's suit, in the hope that communication between the defenders may be cut off. But the exceptions to this rule are equally important. Each hand must be judged on its individual merits.

South, dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
S. 8 5 4 2		S. K 10	
H. K 10		D. K 7 5	
D. K 7 5		C. K 8 4 2	
WEST		SOUTH	
S. Q J 7 6 3		S. A 9	
H. A 9		H. Q J 5 4	
D. J 4 3 2		D. A Q 3	
C. 9 7		C. A 6 5 3	

The bidding:
South West North East
1NT Pass 2NT Pass
3NT (final bid)
* One heart would have been a better opening bid.

When West opened the six of spades and East played the king, the declarer gave the situation serious thought. It was obvious that his contract could not be made without clearing the heart suit, and when the opponents should take the lead, how many spade tricks could they run? The answer lay in the opening lead of the spade six. Assuming that it was not from a short suit—and there was no reason to think it was—the leader could not have had a sequence of Q J 10, or he would have led the top. East, then, is marked with another honour after the king and, if the suit is divided 5 and 2, it will be blocked.

On this reasoning, declarer won the first trick and led a heart. As he had foreseen, the spade suit was effectually blocked and the three no trump contract was made with ease. Note that a holdup at the first trick would have been fatal.

ture of life during those troublous times cannot fail to enlist sympathy and interest. It is lavishly mounted, exquisitely photographed, superbly acted, and assuredly furthers Miss Sullivan's reputation as one of the screen's greatest actresses.

"STRANGE WIVES"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

A gripping romance of an American who married a foreign wife, and a honeymoon that was worth waiting for, forms the basis of the plot in "Strange Wives." Universal's thrilling comedy drama.

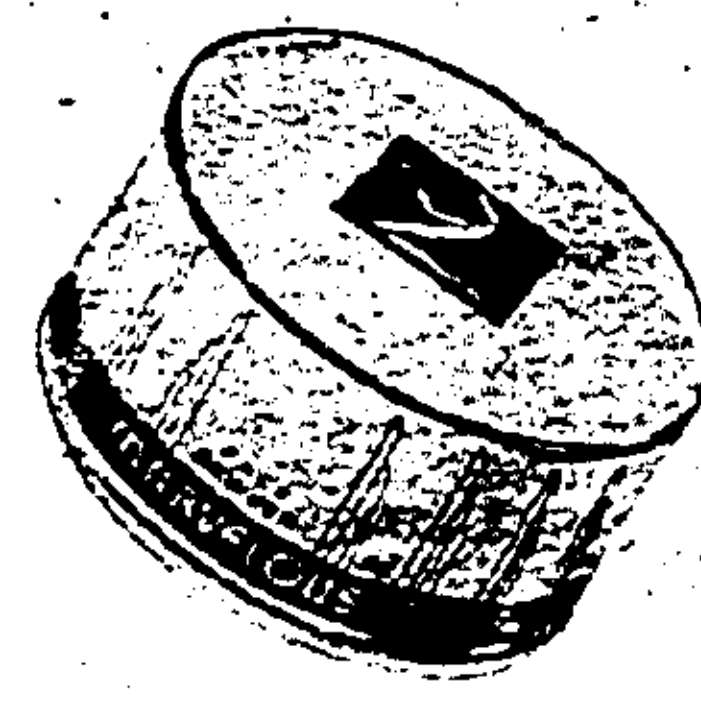
"Strange Wives" gives you an American business man who marries a Russian refugee. Right after their honeymoon, her relatives come to live with them. They are a temperamental lot. One of the sisters-in-law marries a millionaire. A brother-in-law becomes a movie actress and beautiful acting from all concerned and the poignantly true picture just arrived from the old

Recipe for Romance



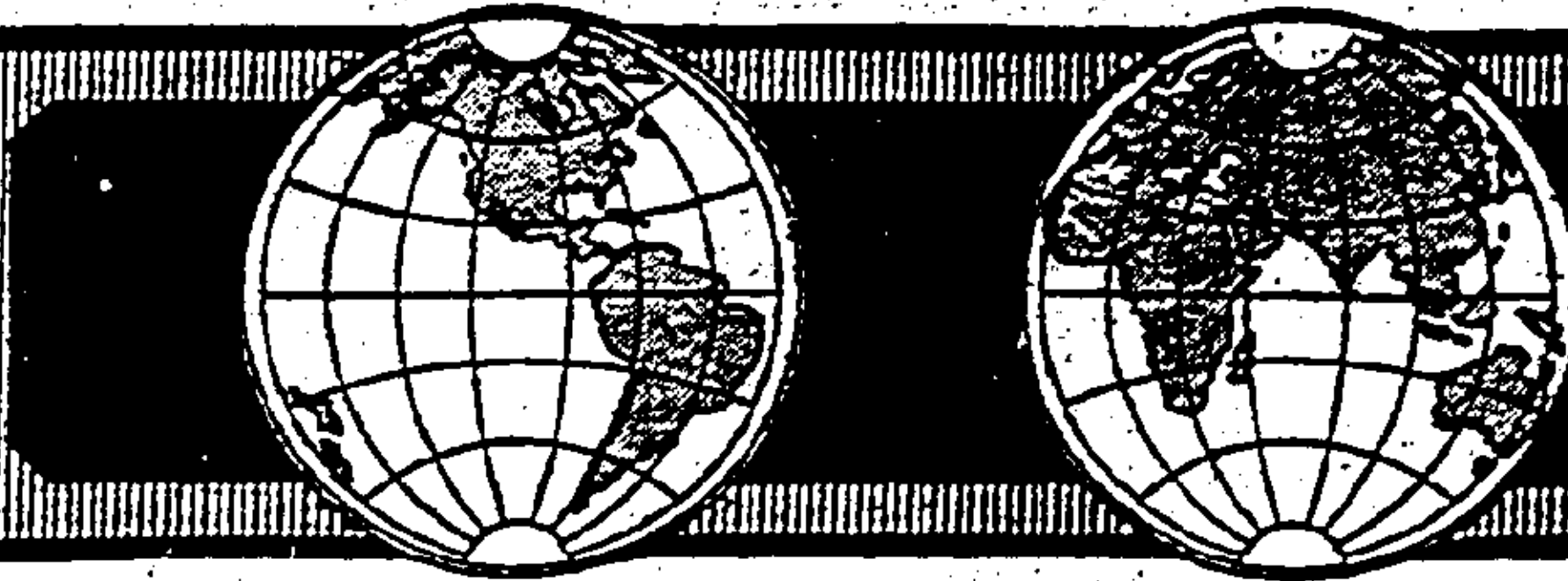
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Sporting Page



DOROTHY ROUND FULLY EXTENDED BY LITTLE GEM HOAHING



Dorothy Round, above, the 1934 Wimbledon lady champion, was fully extended by Gem Hoahing, the sensational Chinese Hong Kong-born tennis player, in the semi-final of the Melbury Tournament recently.

LOCAL BASEBALL LEAGUE

Arrangements For Season Made

HON LEAGUE SECRETARY APPOINTED

The meeting of representatives of Clubs in the Hong Kong Baseball League, held at the European Y.M.C.A. yesterday took the form of a general discussion of the many knotty points that hindered the smooth running of the League last year.

Mr. W. Muir, the President, was in the chair, and was supported by E. Porter (Volunteers), T. Thompson (Americans), Lee Chui-leng (Eastern), M. Chang and E. Chang (Overseas Chinese), T. Kim (Pui-ching College, Canton), Saito (Japanese), Smedley and Goldstein (Canadians).

Mr. T. Thompson was unanimously elected Hon. Secretary of the League. It was stated that the Pui-ching College, of Canton, had entered the League, but Mr. T. Kim their representative, stated that owing to the fact that two rounds were to be played he was afraid that his club would not be able to travel to Hong Kong so often, because of the expense involved, and that he was obliged to withdraw his application.

The meeting felt that the presence of the team was most desirable and agreed that their two games against the U.S.S. Min-danao could be played in Canton and that when the team was in Hong Kong arrangements would be made to give them at least two games.

The question of the registration of players occupied some time and it was finally decided that no club would be permitted to register more than 20 players in one season, and that if a new player was up for registration, the consent of the majority of League managers would have to be obtained before the player was eligible.

It was stated at the meeting that the Royal Naval Recreation Club had given permission for the use of the Caroline Hill ground on Sunday mornings only, and that the La Salle College ground would not be available this season.

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FAMED WRESTLING PROMOTER PASSES THROUGH COLONY

Low Darrow, the man who made wrestling a paying sport in the United States and one of the figures responsible for the immense popularity attained by this form of sport, passed through the Colony recently for Manila on the a.s. President Coolidge.

'Varsities' Cricket Prospects

CAMBRIDGE RETAIN NINE CRICKET BLUES

MANY BATSMEN AVAILABLE

BUT NEW BOWLERS ARE WANTED

(By "LEIGHTON")

London, April 24. Seldom has Cambridge been so favoured by the presence of old Blues as this season—nine of last year's eleven will be available—and there will have to be some especially good seniors and freshmen to keep them out of the side.

H. T. Bartlett, the left-handed batsman from Dulwich, leads the team, and he will be supported by M. Tindall, of Harrow, S. C. Griffith, Dulwich, N. S. Hotchkiss, Eton, W. Wooller, Rydal, J. H. Cameron, Taunton, N. W. D. Yardley, St. Peter's York, P. A. Gibb, St. Edward's, Oxford, and M. Jahangir Khan, who has three times played against Oxford.

Bowlers Needed

In the absence of G. W. Parker, last year's captain, and J. W. T. Grimshaw, there will be a need for new bowlers.

Hotchkiss and Gibb will doubtless be the opening batsmen, and there should be every possibility of a strong batting side. Griffith and Gibb are both wicket-keepers, with the former as first preference, and the experience they have gained during respective tours in New Zealand and the West Indies should give them added confidence. Bartlett, therefore, will have to concentrate mainly on building up his attack.

Challenge Of Freshmen

Among the Seniors, J. H. Pawle, R. P. Nelson, T. R. Garnett and F. E. Corington all had trials last year, and they will have to do better if they hope to resist the challenge of some of the Freshmen. F. S. Bird (Clare), who kept wicket on five occasions for Kent last season, is an improved bat.

Of the bowlers, D. C. Roughton, R. G. Hunt and F. M. N. Heath showed good form in early trials but they deteriorated, and it remains to be seen what they can do when the season opens on May 2 with the Seniors' trial.

Public Schoolboys

Cambridge appear to have a fair share of last year's public schoolboys, with two outstanding batsmen, P. M. Studd, of Harrow, and G. E. Hewan, of Marlborough, both of whom led their sides. Studd's fine innings of 100 not out against Eton was one of four centuries which he hit last year for the school.

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A. C. GROWDER PERFORMS WELL IN SINGAPORE

A. C. Growder, the former Queensland and H. N. C. C. cricketer who is now in Singapore, was prominently featured in the recent Singapore Cricket Club-United Services match which was left drawn, Growder taking 6 wickets for 76 runs in 13 overs 9 of which were maidens, in the first innings.

AUSTRALIA'S ATHLETES IN CONTROVERSY

BERLIN OLYMPIAD SELECTIONS

SECRETARY OF A.A.U.A. RESIGNS

(By "LEIGHTON")

Melbourne, May 5.

Nobody doubts that the Olympic spirit permeates Australia's amateur athletes, but a larger share of it would not be lost on the administrators of the sports affiliated with the Australian Olympic Federation.

The selection of the team this year for the Berlin Games has been attended by a series of controversies arising out of interstate and inter-sport jealousies and culminating last week in the resignation of the general secretary of the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia (Mr. Hugh R. Weir). Mr. Weir, who was manager of the Australian team at the last Empire Games in Canada was one of the Olympic selectors.

Recently Doris Carter (woman high jumper), Les Harley (boxer) and Ron Masters (diver), all of Victoria, and Herb Turner (sculler), of New South Wales, were officially added to the Australian team for Berlin, bringing the strength of the team, exclusive of the eight oarsmen of the New South Wales Police crew, up to 16.

New Storm

The fact that three Victorians were thus included and fancied N.S.W. athletes were excluded caused a new storm of criticism in Sydney.

Then came a decision by the Olympic Federation, after a mail vote, that the order of preference indicated by the five selectors in lists they had lodged in sealed envelopes might be ignored and that any athlete could be added to the team provided his or her performances were up to a prescribed standard and expenses could be met outside the funds at the disposal of the Olympic Federation.

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OXFORD HAVE FINE ARRAY OF CRICKETERS

Splendid Talent Among Freshmen

N. S. MITCHELL-INNES IS NEW CAPTAIN

(By "LEIGHTON")

London, April 24. Oxford University have great hopes of winning the Inter-Varsity match in July. This will be a big task, for Cambridge are likely to be just as strong as last year, when they won by 135 runs.

But Oxford have faith in their new captain, N. S. Mitchell-Innes, who is recognised as one of the best four younger players in the country.

Such fine players as Dennis Walker, F. C. de Saram, and A. R. Legard have gone down, but of last year's team there are still available J. W. Seamer, R. C. M. Kimpton, J. Gordon Halliday, R. F. H. Darwall-Smith, and T. G. L. Ballance.

E. H. Belle's Opportunity

Apart from the Blues there are N. S. Knight (wicket-keeper) and K. L. T. Jackson (all-rounder) who lost their places last season, and M. M. Walford and J. H. Dyson, who have had the unfortunate experience of being left out of the side (Walford through injury) after being awarded their Blues. Dyson is a bowler of a similar type to Ballance, left-hand slow, but he has never reproduced his fine form against the Australians two seasons ago.

The Seniors include a number of players who may well be in the running. Foremost among them is B. H. Belle, the Soccer Blue, an attacking batsman with a very sound style, who made a lot of runs for Essex when the University season was concluded.

Promising Bowlers

Bowlers among the Seniors are R. West (Rugby), R. B. Scott (Winchester), B. J. W. Hill (St. Lawrence), and P. K. Mayhew (Haileybury). West is fairly fast, and if he is stronger physically he should get a trial, while had Scott more control of his in-swingers he might be selected.

If school reputations count for anything, there would seem to be at least half-a-dozen outstanding players among the newcomers. Foremost would seem to be W. Murray-Wood, of Mill Hill, who is a really good spin bowler and a fine batsman.

One can surmise, too that L. M. Matthews (Felsted) and F. M. McL. Forster (Wellington) are batsmen above the average, as both returned figures of over 80; Forster's average was 89.12 and Matthews' 81.36. Forster made 139 against the Freeters and 50's against the M.C.C. and Berkshire Gentlemen.

Fighting For Places

Matthews scored nearly 900 runs, including four centuries, and his absence from the Lord's matches was due to his being unable to accept the invitation. D. E. C. Steel, the Rugby captain, Geoffrey Foster, and M. H. Bell,

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STARTING OF RACES

Starting races is strenuous. A first-class starter has to watch like a hawk, key himself up, mentally and physically, as if he were one of the men on the mark, to rush from one corner of the ground to another between the various starting points, and to face the criticism of the crowd. This is not the work for a man 'getting on in years.'—Evan Hunter.



Gem Hoahing, above, for whom a very bright future is predicted in the tennis world, is debared from participating at Wimbledon owing to the age limit. Gem is not yet 15 years of age.

SPORTSWOMAN INJURED

Mrs. Maude Read Has Riding Mishap

Mrs. Maude Read, well-known local sportswoman, who has been in the Kowloon Hospital for the past few days, suffering from slight concussion sustained by a fall from a pony last Thursday afternoon, is reported to be progressing favourably, and will be able to leave hospital before this week-end.

In the past, Mrs. Read has figured prominently in local swimming circles, being a winner of the Harbour Race as well as other Colony championship events. She is also an accomplished hockey player, turning out regularly for the "Y. Ladies' team."

CRICKETERS AT DINNER

Happy Gathering Last Night

Members of the Indian Recreation Club second eleven, winners of the second division cricket shield, gave a dinner party last night in honour of their captain, Mr. A. K. Ismail, when an enjoyable evening was spent by all who attended.

The dinner was held at the residence Mr. E. Heptulla, a member of the team, and in the course of the evening speeches were made by Messrs. M. Rahmin and A. K. Ismail.

OPEN LAWN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

R. Duncan To Defend Singles Title

Entries for the annual open lawn bowls championships closed yesterday but as the Hon. Secretary of the Association was not yet in possession of all the cards, the number of entries is not known though it is expected that more people will be competing this than in the previous season.

R. Duncan, the present holder of the title, is still in the Colony and will be defending his crown, but B. W. Bradbury, last year's runners-up, is on Home leave.

H. K. ELECTRIC BOWLS RINKS SELECTED

The following have been selected to represent the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club in the Lawn Bowls League next Saturday, against the Kowloon Cricket Club on the latter's green:—
El. S. Jones, T. P. Saunders, J. Sloan and A. Webster (skip).
F. P. Dockworth, G. G. Thomson, J. F. Lunny and W. H. S. Musket (skip).
V. Sorby, J. L. King, G. T. Padgett and A. F. Paul (skip).
Reserve:—W. Orchard.

TENNIS MIDGET AND GIANTESS CLASH

CHINESE GIRL MAKES GREAT RECOVERY

MELBURY TOURNAMENT RESULTS

(By "Leighton")

London, April 20.

GEM HOAHING, the Chinese child tennis terror, made the great Wimbledon champion of 1934, Dorothy Round, Britain's joint No. 1 player, go all out to win the semi-final of the Melbury Tournament, Kensington, on Friday, by the narrow margin of 6-4, 8-6.

Little Miss Hoahing is a 4 ft. 3 ins., fifteen-year-old fragment of humanity, with jet-black hair, bobbed all round pudding-basin fashion, a tiny blue jumper with pink woollen collar, and a pair of very juvenile legs sticking out from a girlish skirt.

Everybody expected her to return a great many of Dorothy's best shots and even to secure a few points, but to run the Dudley idol to 4 all and 6 all before yielding the match, well! nobody anticipated that.

Gem captured the first four games. Spectators hurrying up could hardly believe the news. The fact was that Miss Round started the match apparently in a state of nervous tension. It is rather trying to be queen of the game, and then have some spirit of mischief come along with a tennis racket and threaten to poke the crown off one's head.

Was Not Excited

For the first four games Dorothy was obviously playing well below her form. Then she suddenly found her touch. Possibly the little Chinese player, seeing herself so much ahead, felt some excitement. She certainly showed none.

Dorothy gained her accustomed accuracy and began to pile on points. She reeled off six games in a row for the set 6-4. Then Gem took the first game of the second set. Dorothy reeled off five, with Gem putting a spell-binder cross-court shot in now and again to make a game of it.

Gem A Giantess

But at one-five down the spirit of a giantess seemed to enter Gem. Her tiny legs raced for everything. Her placements were excellent. The ex-champion was kept guessing hard. And before any one realised it "5 all" was called.

Miss Round now fought hard for every point. She led 6-5 and came more than once to winning one point and the match. Gem pulled her back. Six all. Then the youngster fell into errors. Miss Round got out with the set at 8-6.

A Great Recovery

In the final on Saturday Miss Round staged a magnificent recovery to beat Miss Kay Stammers 6-0, 6-4, 6-4. Miss Round, who is bracketed with Miss Stammers as Britain's leading player, appeared completely out of form when game after game went against her in the opening set.

In less than fifteen minutes Miss Stammers had won the set without conceding a game.

Then came a sudden transformation in Miss Round's play, and instead of struggling for points the Dudley girl took command of the match.

Sound Attack

She attacked with fast and well-angled shots, and Miss Stammers began to concentrate on returning the ball.

After some spirited rallies Miss Round led 2-1 in the second set. Miss Stammers levelled at "two-all" following a fine shot down the sideline.

The Midland girl went on to 5-4. Her forceful driving beat her left-handed rival, who also lost the tenth game of the set.

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U.S. BASEBALL RESULTS

Cardinals Lose At Home To Dodgers

GIANTS NOSE OUT CUBS

New York, To-day.

The following were the results of the League baseball matches played yesterday:—

National League		
	R.	H. E.
St. Louis	2	0
Gelbert hit a home run.		
Brooklyn	5	13 2

Chicago	4	14 0
Galan hit a home run.		
New York	5	8 3
Castelman and Leiber each hit home runs.		

Cincinnati	6	9 2
Philadelphia	4	9 1
Camilli hit a home run.		

Pittsburgh	6	11 0
Brubaker hit a homer.		
Boston	6	13 0
Cuccinello hit a homer. Game was called in 10th innings owing to darkness.		

American League		
	R.	H. E.
New York	0	6 2
St. Louis	7	11 1

Boston	0	3 2
Sorrell pitched.		
Detroit	5	8 1
Goose Goslin hit a homer.		

The game between Washington and Chicago was called in the third innings on account of rain, while the game between Philadelphia and Cleveland was called, for the same reason, after two innings had been played and when the latter were leading by 2-1.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE SOCCER GAME

Fusiliers To Meet East Lanes.

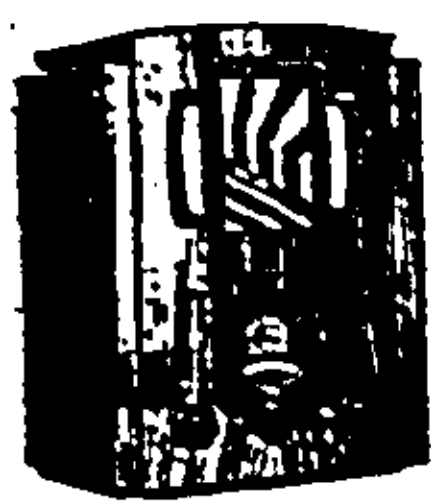
The last game in the Second Division of the Hong Kong Football League will be played to-day at Prince Edward Road at 4.45 p.m., when the East Lanes meet the Fusiliers.

The East Lanes, require only one more point to secure the runner-up position, while the Fusiliers will have to win this game and the replay to achieve this honour.

The consistency of the East Lanes, makes them favourites this afternoon, but the Fusiliers will be strengthened by the return of Taylor, last year's First Division player. The game should be well contested and worth watching.

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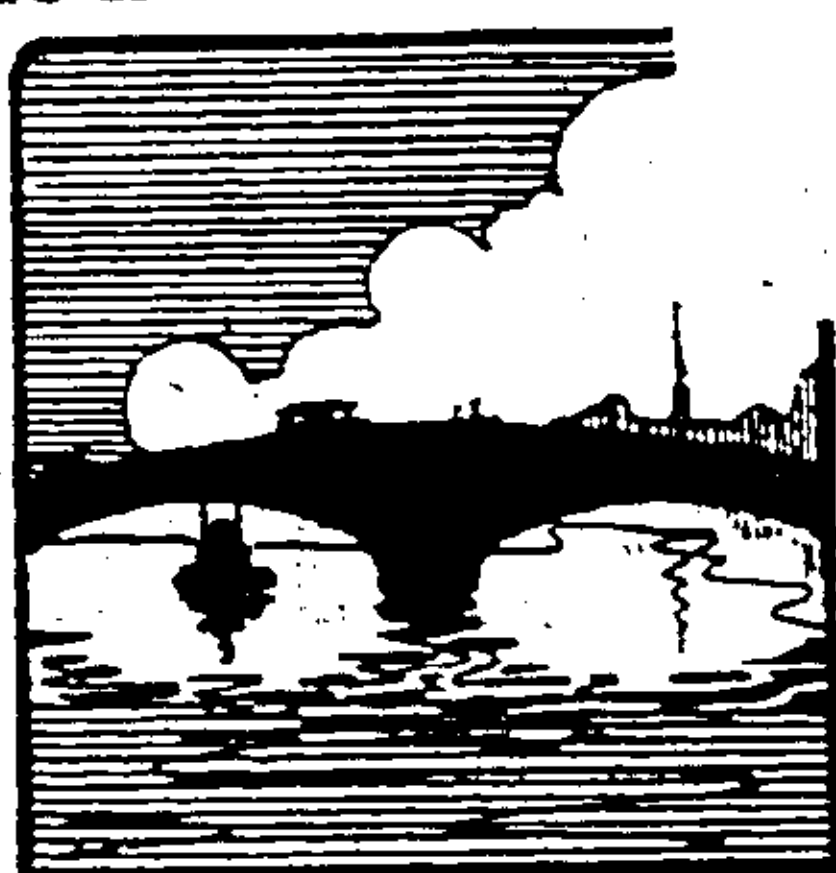
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FAMOUS CLUB'S DETERIORATION



Freddie Miller, above, of Cincinnati, was deprived of his world featherweight boxing title last Monday night, when Pete Sarron, of Washington, won a furious 15-round contest, almost knocking out the former champion in the 13th and 15th rounds. Miller has been holder of the title since 1933.

EVER since the entire first and second elevens of the Malaya Football Association were suspended by the Singapore Amateur Football Association League Council two seasons ago, on an alleged charge of professionalism, the Malays, at one time ranked the finest football combination in the Malayan Archipelago, have been deteriorating, and recent events in the Straits, and particularly in Singapore, have led to sensational resignations by Abdul Rahman, Dolfattah and Mat Noor, probably three of the finest soccer players in the East and well-known to Hong Kong and Shanghai touring teams.

That many of the best Malay footballers have resigned from their clubs because they have no faith in the officials of the Malaya F.A. is one of the many statements made by "Hairan" in another sweeping attack on the M.F.A. in the Straits Times. "Hairan" is not satisfied with Mr. H. A. Alsagoff's explanation and quite frankly asserts that confidence in the Malaya F.A. will not be restored until some of the present officials tender their resignation. His letter is as follows:

"I have read with great interest the letter written by Mr. H. A. Alsagoff, the Honorary General Secretary to the Malaya F.A., as appeared in the Straits Times of April 23. Mr. H. A. Alsagoff's well-wordsed letter, is no doubt meant to convey to every follower of football that there is really nothing wrong with the Malaya F.A., and that we critics are just 'breakers of the peace.' Let me assure him that we are far from satisfied.

"The honorary general secretary's statement that many of the best Malay players cannot play for the Malaya F.A., on account of their fear of incurring the anger of the employers, and their not being members of an affiliated Malay club was not convincing. Why did he not tell us the reason so many worthy Malay players are not members of affiliated Malay clubs and why some of the players have actually resigned. No doubt this was 'forbidden ground,' and Mr. Alsagoff had to be very guarded.

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CAMBRIDGE RETAIN NINE CRICKET BLUES

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Great things are also expected of Hewan, who just missed scoring two three-figure innings against Rugby at Lord's in addition to making 205 against the Foresters and 178 against Wellington. He was also useful with the ball.

Other batsmen who did well in school cricket are A. H. Brod-hurst, captain of Malvern, V. Collins, of Eton, J. T. Faber, of Winchester, J. W. Jackson, of Eastbourne, and J. Kettle, of Rugby.

Fast Bowler

Of the bowlers, W. R. Rees-Davies, of Eton, is probably one of the best schoolboy fast bowlers of recent years. Without having to meet quite such strong opposition, A. E. Barlow, of Highgate, did especially well, while M. A. C. P. Kaye, of Harrow, J. R. McCosh, Uppingham, and R. J. B. Edlison Wellington, revealed considerable promise.

It has to be remembered that in the early weeks of last season the weather was far from favourable, and considerably hampered the players in the process of settling down.

The Cambridge fixtures this year are little changed, although Warwickshire visit Fenner's after a rather long absence. Fortunately, the Cambridge captain will have a better chance at team-building before meeting All-India at Whitman.

LOCAL BASEBALL LEAGUE

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Only one game has been arranged for the opening of the season, that between the Japanese and the Chinese at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The rest of the fixtures will be drawn up during the week.

MILLIONAIRE OWNER OF BOSTON RED SOX RESENTS INTERFERENCE BY OTHER CLUBS

TWISTING OF TRADING FACTS

New York, April 9.

IF it's not asking too much, Tom Yawkey, millionaire owner of the Boston Red Sox, would like to spend his money as he pleases without too much criticism from the other owners in the American League.

Yawkey doesn't want to make anything of this. He merely wants it made clear that "with the exception of the deal for Joe Cronin every price I have been quoted as paying for ball players has been grossly exaggerated; and even if they hadn't it would be my own private concern." It is generally accepted that Yawkey has spent \$3,500,000 on the club since 1932.

"Everybody's worrying about my going broke," Yawkey said. "And while I appreciate their interest, I don't think there's much of a chance of that. I'm not kicking about paying and unless I completely upset the balance of power in the league I don't think this adverse criticism is justified."

AUSTRALIA'S ATHLETES IN CONTROVERSY

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Mr. Weir's objection is that any variation from the order of preference indicated by the selectors is a slight on the selectors and a breach of policy previously agreed upon by the sporting bodies affiliated with the Olympic Federation.

However, the net result of the row will be an increase in personnel of the team.

Yawkey admitted that "two or three officials of other clubs in the league" had complained about the policy of the Red Sox. From now on Yawkey hopes to be able to bolster the Red Sox without having to rely too much on his fortune. He said that the club was planning to take on additional working agreements with other clubs whenever Billy Evans, who is in charge of this work for the club, can effect satisfactory deals.

At present, the Red Sox have working agreements with Syracuse in the International League; Little Rock in the Southern Association; Danville in the Bi-State League; and they own the Rocky Mount (N. C.) club in the Piedmont League.

Facts Twisted

As a sample of the twisting of facts in the trading activities of the Boston club, Yawkey pointed to the club's deal for Heinie Manush. He said that the deal was announced as a straight player-deal: Manush for Carl Reynolds and Roy Johnson, but that the deal seemed to pick up more cash every time he read about it.

Yawkey left here to-day for Boston to see the exhibition series between the Red Sox and the Bees. He said he hoped to see his club play over 100 games this season, and that more than likely he would fly around the league to watch them on the road.

He is still dreaming about a pennant for Boston, he admitted, and thinks that with good breaks he might realize his dream this season.—(Associated Press).

TENNIS MIDGET AND GIANTESS CLASH

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Miss Stammers was not yet finished. She surprised Miss Round with halfvolleys and ran to a 3-1 lead in the final set.

The ex-champion never faltered—she reeled off the next five games for the set and match. For the greater part of the last set Miss Round was forcing the issue, and her improved play was far too much for her rival.

Austin's Win

H. W. Austin won the men's singles final by beating Nigel Sharpe 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.

Austin lost the first set through overhitting. He made many mistakes, but Sharpe deserved his success for consistent and clever play.

Austin was fighting hard in this set, but later he showed better control of shots, and went away to win the second and third sets comfortably. Results of finals:

Men's Single—H. W. Austin beat Nigel Sharpe 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.

Women's Single—Miss Dorothy Round beat Miss K. E. Stammers 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Men's Doubles—H. W. Austin and G. L. Rogers beat E. C. Peters and H. G. N. Cooper 6-2, 1-6, 6-2.

Women's Doubles—Miss Round and Miss Betty Nuthall beat Miss E. Harvey and Miss M. Hardwick 6-2, 7-5.

Mixed Doubles—J. B. Oliff and Mr. D. B. Andrus beat P. D. B. Spence and Miss Betty Nuthall 6-2, 6-3.

SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING

Programme For First And Second Days

The following is the programme for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held at Happy Valley:

FIRST DAY

2.00 p.m.—War Handicap—Winner \$250. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies. "A" Class. Winners of \$5,000 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1936, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

2.30 p.m.—Warwick Farm Handicap—Winner \$450. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Australian Ponies. "A" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

3.00 p.m.—Shatin Handicap—First Section—Winner \$400. Second \$175. Third \$100. For China Ponies. "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In (About One Mile 155 Yards).

Note—One Entry only will be made for the Shatin Handicap (Races Nos. 3 and 4). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

3.30 p.m.—Customs Handicap—First Section—Winner \$400. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Five Furlongs.

Note—One Entry only will be made for the Customs Handicap (Races Nos. 4 and 7). Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

4.00 p.m.—Victoria Park Handicap—Winner \$450. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Australian Ponies. "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One And A Quarter Miles.

4.30 p.m.—Lead Mine Handicap—Winner \$500. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies. "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In (About One Mile 155 Yards).

5.00 p.m.—Customs Handicap—Second Section—Winner \$450. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Five Furlongs.

5.30 p.m.—Shatin Handicap—Second Section—Winner \$400. Second \$175. Third \$100. For China Ponies. "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In (About One Mile 155 Yards).

6.00 p.m.—Stonemasons Plate—Winner \$400. Second \$175. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Subscription \$100. For China Ponies of this Season that have not won a race at Race Meetings of this Club. Weight: 10 lb. under weight for inches. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won maximum penalty 10 lb. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. Half A Mile.

First Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

SECOND DAY (Monday, June 1)

12.30 p.m.—Beaufort Handicap—Winner \$450. Second \$250. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Griffins of this Season. Ponies that have won \$2,000 or more in stakes, and Winners at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Five Furlongs.

Note—One Entry only will be made for Races Nos. 2 and 10. Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

1.00 p.m.—Lama Handicap—Winner \$400. Second \$175. Third \$100. For China Ponies. "D" Class (First Section). Winners at this Meeting, and Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. Five Furlongs.

Note—One Entry only will be made for Races Nos. 2 and 10. Entries will be divided into First and Second Sections at the discretion of the Handicapper.

2.30 p.m.—Bondi Handicap—Winner \$450. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Australian Ponies. "A" Class. Winners at this Meeting, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

3.00 p.m.—Whitman Plate—Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies that have started at least twice this year at Race Meetings of this Club and have not, at date of entry, won \$2,500 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1936.

FRANCE WINS IN DAVIS CUP

To Meet Winners Of Slav Duel

Paris: The last singles match in the Davis Cup tie between France and Holland was won by the young French player Paul Destremau, who beat the Dutch champion, Hans Timmer, by 6-3, 6-1, 6-3. France thus won the tie by 4 matches to 1, qualifying for the Third Round of the European Zone, in which they will meet the winners of the tie between Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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Treaty Revision By
Agreement

Turkey's application to the Council of the League to have the Treaty of Lausanne revised and to lift the ban on the fortification of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus can come as no surprise after the events of the past two years. Germany has seen fit to tear up in succession the disarmament clauses of the Treaty of Versailles and those relating to the demilitarized zone. Austria has followed suit by repudiating part of the Treaty of St. Germain. It is to the credit of the Turkish Government that they have proceeded on constitutional lines by making their application to the League, and we may expect to see the whole matter discussed in a frank and friendly manner. It is a lesson in statesmanship to those who really have the peace of the world at heart.

The Treaty of Lausanne differed from the other peace treaties in the fact that it was freely negotiated and not imposed upon a beaten enemy. It is hardly possible to argue that this demilitarisation was penal in character. To justify their release from it the Turkish Government should produce evidence of a change of circumstances since the treaty was signed. It is conceivable that they may argue that the grave deterioration in the international situation and the feverish rearmament that is proceeding is sufficient of itself to justify their request to be allowed to protect their country from invasion. The position of the Straits is peculiar, for, though an international highway to some States otherwise land-locked, the waters flow through Turkish territory. For more than a century the freedom of the Straits from occupation by a Great Power has dominated British foreign policy, and the cemeteries on the Gallipoli peninsula testify to the price which Britain was prepared to pay to prevent them falling into hostile hands. Yet the situation now is markedly different. On grounds of equity it would be difficult for England to oppose a revision. On practical grounds demilitarisation is not of any great value. It is notorious that, outside the zone, war material exists which could be rapidly installed in the Narrows, and at a time of tension it is reasonable to suppose that the Straits could be rapidly fortified with heavy guns and with minefields. Fortunately British relations with Turkey have for some years returned to their old harmonious footing. In all the circumstances England should be prepared to discuss the matter with a full understanding of the Turkish point of view.

The Road Death-Rate

In the midst of the Easter holiday in England, which brought more cars upon the roads than ever before, the publication of the latest statistics of traffic casualties supplied a most opportune mixture of encouragement and warning. The year 1935 was the first since the war in which the number of road accidents in Britain was substantially reduced. In 1934 7,243 people were killed. Last year the death toll was 6,502. The numbers of the injured declined from 231,603 to 221,726. Nobody can be willing to accept an annual mor-

ROTARY Tiffin
MEETING

LADIES' DAY

PROF. FOSTER SPEAKS ON
TRIP TO HANKOW

The usual weekly tiffin of the Hong Kong Rotary Club was graced yesterday by the presence of a large number of the fair sex, it being a Ladies' Day. Professor L. Foster, the President, was in the Chair.

Among visiting Rotarians present yesterday were Mr. S. A. Wing, who received an ovation as a member of the Kuala Lumpur Club of which His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, was the first President; Mr. Y. G. de Jong of Java, and Mr. N. J. Carson of Melbourne. Commendatore and Mrs. C. G. Sedgwick, Brigadier H. G. Seth Smith and Engineer Captain and Mrs. Dibley were among the guests.

The President said he was happy to see so many ladies and if it were possible to get some lady speakers, the Club would be only too glad to have more such occasions. In the absence of such a speaker to-day he was addressing the Club himself, but had made it a Ladies' Day because it was getting near the end of his term of office.

The President gave a most interesting account of his recent trip overland to Hankow. The trip was made at Easter by 28 European and Chinese residents of Hong Kong in the charge of Professor Foster. The speaker yesterday emphasised the great help and hospitality given by Chinese officials all along the route.

EXPLANATION
OF TO-DAY'S
CARTOONFought Five Years With
Glass Eye

DYNAMITE BUDDY JACKSON, who has served as sparring partner for such fighters as Champion Jimmy Braddock, Primo Carnera, Jack Sharkey and Max Baer, surprised them all last fall when he underwent treatment and examination in a hospital. When doctors at Kings County Hospital examined Jackson, they found he had a glass eye, and were amazed when told he had fought five years while wearing it. And all that time he had been passing regular physical examinations before various commissions.

fatality of 6,500 people as the inevitable price of swift transport. The reduction of some 11 per cent. in the death-rate, while the number of motor vehicles at work was much increased, was, nevertheless, a welcome and encouraging proof that the various measures for traffic control which have been introduced, and the propaganda inculcating road sense and consideration, have already had extensive effect. In 1934 99 persons were killed or injured for every 1,000 vehicles on the road. In 1935 the proportion was 87.

For the first 14 weeks of 1936 there was a reduction on the reduced figures of 1935, but the maximum of safety is still far off and the moral to be drawn is that road users must do their utmost to raise the standard of traffic conduct. Last month a new and more scientific analysis of the conditions which conduce to accident was being undertaken by the police and the Ministry of Transport. That may be valuable. Propaganda has by no means exhausted its possibilities, though whether the "stunt" of aeroplanes trailing banners exhorting the holiday crowds on the South Coast beaches to "Drive Slowly" and think of "Safety First" would be more educative or distracting seems rather doubtful. It is, in the long run, upon the alertness and common sense and goodwill of every class of road user that the attainment of reasonable security depends.

SIX MILLION VISITORS

Visitors to the national museums and galleries in London last year totalled 6,020,444.

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PUGNACIOUS HUNGARIANS

Dr. Tibor von Eckhardt, who has fought a duel with Gen. Goemboes, the Hungarian Premier, is surely one of the most pugnacious of Central European politicians.

This duel is the culmination of a year of challenges and explanations.

Last May, Dr. Eckhardt began by challenging Count Bethlen, the former Premier, for remarks he made in the course of an election speech.

On May 31 the two were reconciled. Count Bethlen explained that his information came from Gen. Goemboes.

Dr. Eckhardt thereupon sent a challenge to Gen. Goemboes, who accepted it.

On June 3, however, Gen. Goemboes issued a "declaration of honour." This satisfied Dr. Eckhardt. The General explained that he had been misinformed.

WITH PISTOL AND SABRE

At this point Dr. Eckhardt was diverted by a side issue. A Deputy, M. Ladislav Szalay, interrupted him while speaking in Parliament. Dr. Eckhardt challenged him. They fought with cavalry sabres for half an hour, both being exhausted and slightly wounded.

The latest duel arose from an entirely new quarrel — Dr. Eckhardt's criticism of Gen. Goemboes's foreign policy.

It is perhaps fortunate for Dr. Eckhardt that, as the recipient of the challenge this time, he could choose pistols. Gen. Goemboes is one of the most expert swordsmen in Hungary.

Your Daily Smile!

REMEMBRANCE

Two old Scotsmen met for the first time after many years of separation. Said one to the other: "I haven't forgotten you. I've always watched the papers to see if you were dead."

"I've heard of the boxing kangaroo," boasted dear old Aunt Aphasia, "but when I read about a horse being a circus strong man. I wonder what they'll be taught to do next."

A man charged with burglary stated that he had, for many years, been a circus strong man. No doubt this accounted for his weakness for lifting things.

BALFOUR'S PLACE IN
HISTORYNEW LIGHT ON QUALITY
OF STATESMANSHIPRICHELIEU OF THE VERSAILLES
CONFERENCE

(By J. B. Firth)

JUST six years have elapsed since the death of the Earl of Balfour.

His "Life" has been written by Mrs. Dugdale, one of a joyous band of nieces and nephews who for many years filled the statesman's Scottish home at Whittingham with gaiety and, as Balfour once said to a friend, reconciled him to having no children of his own.

Mrs. Dugdale was one of his most constant companions during his closing years, and when the task of composing his Autobiography—which he had started too late—overtaxed his flagging energies, he willingly fell in with her design of supplementing the fragment which was all he had managed to complete.

The Brilliant Talker

She delved assiduously among masses of papers which had been casually thrown together in old despatch boxes, for Balfour had never been touched by Mr. Gladstone's spirit of orderliness and method. If she found an interesting document or something which piqued her curiosity she would deftly steer the conversation into the desired channel, and, if fortune favoured, was rewarded by a ready flow of reminiscence. If rarely tired Balfour—always a brilliant conversationalist—to talk.

Thus the missing chapters of the Autobiography have come into being after all, though doubtless in quite another form from that which Balfour would have given them. On the whole, I think the public has been the gainer. For Balfour, who had always carefully shielded himself from contact with strangers, would almost certainly have dismissed as trivial and unimportant some of the intimate and revealing details which brighten and lighten Mrs. Dugdale's pages.

There is little doubt, I think, that Balfour would have been a far more effective party leader if he had been less of a philosopher. That is not to say, however, that he would have been a better statesman. On the contrary, this habit of mind specially qualified him for the enviable role which he played during the later part of his political career—that of the sagacious and universally trusted Elder Statesman who had long outgrown all personal ambition and who only asked to be allowed to place—in any capacity—the unrivalled hoard of his experience at the service of the State.

Single Premiership

His short and single Premiership was perhaps the least successful episode of his career, though he is remembered that it was Balfour's Government which settled the squalid education controversy and the scarcely less embittered licensing problem.

But a serious party setback was inevitable over the Tariff Reform issue, since Unionists were split into two angry and quarrelling sections. If Balfour had accepted the Chamberlain lead nothing could have averted a rupture as disastrous as that which had wrecked the Liberal party over Home Rule.

His own conviction—and events proved him right—was that the British electorate would never return to Protection until the economic situation made it absolutely imperative. Nor did he believe in 1905 that the position of the country required him to play the part of a second Sir Robert Peel and "betray his party." His conversations on this point with Mrs. Dugdale will deeply interest those who remember the violent agitations of 30 years ago.

They bear witness, too, to the steadfast loyalty of the personal relations between Balfour and Chamberlain.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley

DOCTOR
I. CUTTER IS A SURGEON
IN SAN ANTONIO
TEXASSHAVING BRUSH
USED 42 YEARS
by
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PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS UNDETECTED

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RUINS OF ANGKOR, Cambodia

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TO-DAY'S SESSION

AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE RELATING TO MUI TSAI

At today's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. Jose Pedro Braga, O.B.E., pursuant to notice, will ask the following questions:—

1. Will the Government state what steps it has taken to implement the recommendations of the Pig and Poultry Committee which reported on September 19, 1934, (Sessional Paper No. 5-of 1934), since the reply it gave to a similar question asked on May 16, 1935?

2. Having regard to the economic position of this Colony, and in the interests thereof, will the Government push forward this matter with more speed?

The Colonial Secretary will move—

That the Report of the Finance Committee (No. 3), dated 22nd April, 1936, be adopted.

The Colonial Treasurer will move the following resolutions:—

1. Resolved pursuant to Section 2 (4) of the Hong Kong Government Service (Levy on Salaries) Ordinance, 1936, that after deduction of the levy, if any, and of the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Contribution, if any, or of either, the remainder of the salaries of all public officers in the Hong Kong Government Service, which are expressed in terms of sterling, whatever their amount, shall be converted at the rate of one shilling and five pence farthing to the dollar for the months of April, May and June.

2. Resolved pursuant to Section 6 of the Hong Kong Government Service (Levy on Salaries) Ordinance, 1936, that with effect on and from January 1, 1936, the salaries of all public officers in the Hong Kong Government Service who are employed on the construction of the Dam and Reservoir Works at Shing Mun, with the exception of those officers who but for the said Works would be employed in some other work in the Hong Kong Government Service, shall be wholly exempted from the operation of Sections 2 and 3 of the said Ordinance.

3. That this Council approves the expenditure during the financial year 1936 of the further sum of \$124,763.94 on Item 6 Airport (b) Airport and Seaplane Slipway which sum shall be met from surplus balances pending the issue of a further loan.

The Attorney General will move—

That the amendment to the Slaughter-houses by-laws made by the Urban Council under section 5 of the Public Health (Food) Ordinance, 1935, on April 28, 1936, be approved.

The Attorney General will move the First reading of—

"A Bill to amend the Female Domestic Service Ordinance, 1923."

The Attorney General will move the Second reading of—

"A Bill to amend the Buildings Ordinance, 1935."

"A Bill to enable effect to be given to an International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency, signed on behalf of His late Majesty at Geneva on April 20, 1929, to apply to foreign coin certain enactments relating to British Coin, to assimilate the penalties for importing and exporting counterfeit coin and to amend certain enactments relating to forgery, coinage and extradition."

"A Bill to amend the Midwives Ordinance, 1910."

"A Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to the establishment of asylums for the detention, custody and care of persons of unsound mind, and others."

High Praise For Sir Andrew Caldecott

Arriving in Singapore aboard the s.s. Carthage on Wednesday of last week, Sir (Wilfrid) Thomas Southern, K.B.E., C.M.G., who has been Colonial Secretary of Hong Kong for the last 10 years, and Lady Southern were met at Tanjong Pagar by Mr. J. Parke, A.D.C. to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, who escorted them to Government House.

Talking to a Straits Times reporter, Sir Thomas said that Sir Andrew Caldecott, Hong Kong's new Governor and former Colonial Secretary of the Straits Settlements, had charmed everyone within his new "domain."

SWEEPING PRESS ATTACK ON M.F.A.

(Continued from Page 5.)

"Has it occurred to the officials of the the Malaya F. A. that the reason for these players resigning from their clubs is simply because they have no faith in the present officials? Can Mr. H. A. Alsagoff honestly say that the present policy of the Malaya F. A. is not entering teams for the second and third divisions of the S.A.F.A. League as a wise one?"

Leighton's Suggestion

"I have read Leighton's local soccer topics in today's issue and was struck by the sensible suggestion that the Malaya F. A. day after tomorrow, however, he should call an extraordinary general meeting of their members and open the meeting to frank discussion and that members should be allowed to put forward the names of those they think best fitted to run the Association and bring back its lost prestige."

Although these suggestions are put forward by such a sound and obviously impartial critic as Leighton, I can assure you that the M.F.A. council will not take the slightest heed of them. The present M.F.A. officials have no intention of letting anyone else take their places.

"Has it ever occurred to the minds of these wise officials that the present Malay Football team is rapidly becoming the laughing-stock of Singapore? On Saturday they failed miserably in their task of picking a side to meet the Chinese with the inevitable result. Surely out of hundreds of local Malay footballers they could have found a more competent centre-forward and a better outside-left than those who were chosen? Beaten as they were one cannot help but admire the gallant though pathetic struggle the Malay team put up."

Will They Play?

"I can assure Mr. H. A. Alsagoff and his colleagues that however alluring the assurances of his council may be, they cannot regain the confidence of the Malay soccer-loving public, unless (1) they abandon their present policy and (2) some of the officials tender their resignations. This may seem harsh, but it is the one thing the Malay soccer team needs and the public wants."

Mr. H. A. Alsagoff explained that Abdul Rahman, Dolfattah, and Mat Soor were physically unfit at the beginning of the S.A.F.A. League season and for this reason they are not registered. He went on to tell us that whenever their physical condition permits, the services of these players will be utilised to strengthen the present team. This makes one ponder. Perhaps we shall not see these star players at all. Mat Noor plays regularly for the Post Office. Can one take it that they will NOT be registered?

Confirmation Lacking

"Confirmation of the President's statement that the 'star' players are being kept for the Cup competition, was lacking. Why two such high officials of the same Association possess different opinions on a matter pertaining to their general interest, I cannot understand. Perhaps, this is the 'harmony' the President spoke so highly of!"

"What the Malaya F. A. lacks nowadays is a leader—a leader whose main aim is to re-establish the reputation of the Malay in Singapore football. The present council will never be able to do this while they continue to turn a deaf ear to honest criticism."

Yours etc.,

"HAIRANI"

Singapore, April 25.

SUDDEN DEATH OF HU HAN-MIN

Great Loss To His Country

COLOURFUL CAREER ENDED AT EARLY AGE

Word has been received from Canton that Mr. Hu Han-min died at 7.40 p.m. yesterday from cerebral haemorrhage resulting from the high blood-pressure from which he had been suffering for some time past. It was reported Monday that there had been a return of the trouble, but that he and was struck by the sensible suggestion that the Malaya F. A. day after tomorrow, however, he should call an extraordinary general meeting of their members and open the meeting to frank discussion and that members should be allowed to put forward the names of those they think best fitted to run the Association and bring back its lost prestige."

Outline Of Career

Mr. Hu Han-min, who was born in 1884, was a native of Canton. He was one of the best educated men of the Tung Man Wool, the first revolutionary party formed by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, of whom he was always the close friend and associate.

As long ago as 1913 Mr. Hu Han-min, following the deposition of the Manchus was made Civil Governor of Canton.

He became the right hand man of Dr. Sun after the death of the veteran Dr. Wu Ting-fan, which occurred in 1922 after Dr. Sun had proclaimed himself President in the south, and had been driven out of Canton by General Chen King-ming. The latter was himself defeated by a combined Yunnanese and Kwangsi army early in 1924, and Dr. Sun appointed Mr. Hu as Civil Governor of Kwangtung. Mr. Hu arrived in Canton and narrowly escaped with his life when he was seized by the Kwangsi troops. He was saved by the intervention of General Yeung Hsi-man, the Yunnanese General. Mr. Hu remained as Civil Governor for several years.

Mr. Hu Han-min was one of the National Government formed during the time of Borodin's predominance in Canton affairs, but following severe disagreements with the Soviet envoy, he was sent on a "mission" to Moscow where he stayed about a year. So far from achieving its object in converting Mr. Hu Han-min to the bolshevik doctrines it had precisely the opposite effect and he came back an opponent of Russia and a firm friend of Britain and of Hong Kong.

Early in 1928 he made a journey to France and England with Mr. Sun Fo. At this period the Nationalist Government had not yet been recognised, and their troops were making headway towards Peking. When they reached Tsinanfu they had a clash with the Japanese troops at that place. Later in June the Nationalists occupied Peking and Mr. Hu and Mr. Sun Fo went to England, while the late Dr. C. C. Wu, the son of Dr. Wu Ting-fan, and later Chinese Minister to the United States, went to America.

In England Mr. Hu and Mr. Sun were received by Sir Austen Chamberlain, then Foreign Secretary. They arranged the preliminaries for recognition of the National Government and for granting Customs autonomy to China.

Mr. Hu returned to China in July and proceeded to Nanking where he had hopes of becoming the first President of National China. However General Chiang Kai-shek was already in power, and Mr. Hu remained as head of the Legislative Yuan.

When General Li Chai-sum arrived in Nanking from Canton early in 1929 to take part in the First National Assembly he was seized by orders of General Chiang and made a prisoner for over two years. From that time feeling between Mr. Hu and General Chiang became strained, finally leading to his own imprisonment in 1931.

This did not last long and General Chiang released both General Li and Mr. Hu. The latter attempted to return to Canton but he was not well received and he stayed in Hong Kong for several years, in retirement. During all that time Mr. Hu Han-min kept

To-day's Complete Short Story

STRATEGY AND PETER

By Nita Manby

At the hail of "Hey, Peter!" Peter Anning turned abruptly to see a slight, vivid figure in brilliant red hastening towards him down the street. His puzzled frown gave way to a grin of delight as the girl drew nearer, and, regardless of the pedestrians hurrying home along the quiet, suburban road, he dropped his parcels and enveloped her in a bear-like hug of welcome from which she emerged breathless and laughing.

"Steady on, Peter. Do you want to kill me? I can easily tell you're feeling horribly fit at the moment." And she pretended gingerly to feel imaginary bruises, while she lifted a laughing face to his.

"Betty, old thing, I just couldn't help it. I'm so jolly glad to see you again," he returned, quite unabashed, as he proceeded to gather up the scattered parcels. "Now tell me all about it. How comes it you are back from your travels so soon? I didn't think your boat was in yet, or I'd have come to meet you."

"Neither it is. I got fed up with it at Perth and came overland. Arrived in Melbourne yesterday, this morning rang up your mother, and this evening invited to dinner. So here I am."

"Which accounts for the large order of chocolates which mother

gave me over the 'phone, amidst other commissions, this afternoon. I hope they're none the worse for being scattered over the pavement," and Peter dangled the largest of the parcels tantalisingly before her eyes.

Betty made a pretended grab at the chocolates as she slipped an arm in his and started off down the street by his side.

"You can begin by telling me what you have been doing," she said. "Here I've been abroad a whole year seeing the sights, and heaven knows what mischief you've been up to while I've been away. Your letters were a lot of rubbish, you know, Peter."

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's Story will be "The Man Who Was Two," by A. E. D. Smith.

"Thanks," said Peter. "Anyway, I've been very busy the last month or so falling in love."

Betty almost stopped short with the shock of it. Peter, her Peter, falling in love! Why, that would mean—she could hardly realise all at once what it would mean.

"Oh!" she said, slowly. "You didn't tell me that in your letters, Peter."

"Didn't think you'd be interested." And Peter, looking straight in front of him, declined to be further drawn on the subject.

Somehow or other the evening that Betty had been looking forward to so much didn't seem to go so well after that. Mrs. Anning had welcomed her with open arms, obviously delighted to see the girl who was like a daughter to her, Peter had joked and chafed her, and she was made to detail all the wonders of her year abroad, but she was glad when it was over, and Peter had put her on the train with a "Good-night, old thing!" and a cheery wave of his hand.

She was nearly home before she realised that she hadn't told Peter anything about her latest love affair, that good-looking young doctor she had made friends with coming over on the boat. He was going to start practising in Melbourne and Betty had promised to see quite a lot of him in the near future. Betty's decision to travel overland was not entirely unconnected with the fact that Dr. Len Martin was on the same train.

She had meant to ask Peter to run an eye over him and tell her his opinion, for Betty had a way of relying on Peter's judgments in these matters. With mothers who had been devoted friends from schoolgirl days, it was inevitable that the pair, both only children, should have grown up together and become closer friends than most.

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OXFORD HAVE FINE ARRAY OF CRICKETERS

(Continued from Page 4.)

the Uppingham, captain, who played all Lord's, will all be fighting for places in the Oxford eleven.

Other batsmen include A. P. D. Montgomery (Repton), the hockey Blue, J. D. Eggar, the Winchester captain, P. C. Reynell (Rugby), and E. J. H. Dixon (St. Edward's School). I was particularly impressed with the sound style of Montgomery when I saw him in Minor County cricket last summer.

Some very good bowlers are also coming into residence, including R. N. Bond (Harrow), P. M. Whitehouse (Marlborough), P. K. Mayhew (Haileybury), M. S. Warman (Sherbury), G. B. Stanger (Radley), and C. T. L. McClintock (Epsom).

\$70,000 WOOD FOR PUBLIC

Oxleas Wood, Shooter's Hill, which was purchased by the L.C.C. for £70,000, was opened to the public last month.

in close touch with affairs and his house was the scene of many political comings and goings, and important conferences. When the Japanese situation became very serious General Chiang attempted to get Mr. Hu to rejoin the Nanking Government, but the latter persistently refused on account of the weak attitude of the Central Government to Japan.

Mr. Hu demanded that General Chiang and Mr. Wang Ching-wei should both retire, but this offer was not accepted. His refusal to go to Nanking held up the National Assembly but finally in 1935 he was persuaded to take a trip to Europe. Mr. Hu on this occasion went to Italy.

When Mr. Wang Ching-wei was struck down by an assassin's bullet and nearly killed, Mr. Hu was immediately recalled to China by the Central Government. Both that Government and the Canton Government sent delegates to Singapore to attempt to get the veteran leader to join their administrations. Finally the Canton Government persuaded him, and he went there where he was at the time of his death.

It was rumoured recently that he was to go to Hunan Province to meet General Chiang Kai-shek to compose their differences, although Mr. Chan Wai-chow, brother of General Chan Chai-tong, Military Governor of Kwangtung, had just returned from Nanking having failed to come to terms. The effect of his death on the changing scene of Chinese politics remains to be seen.

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Father D'Elia, in the Chapter on Religions, contributes an interesting Chronological Review of Catholic Missions in China.

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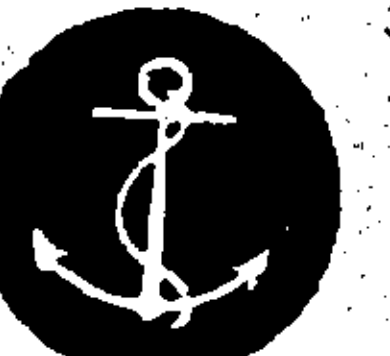
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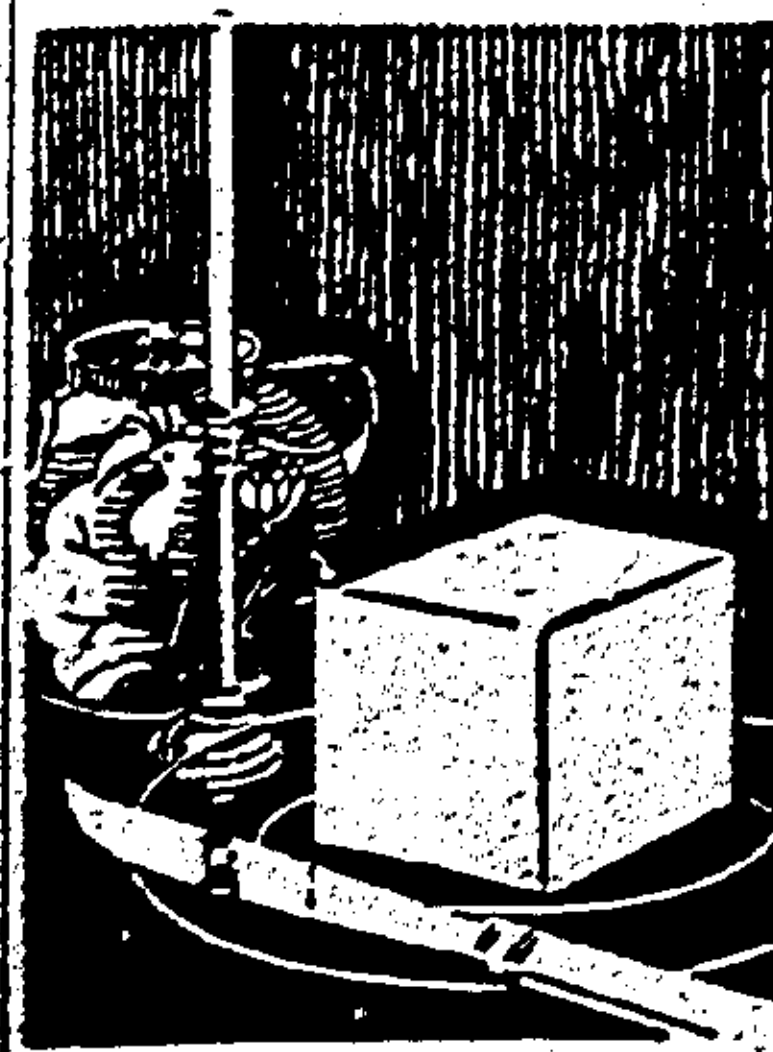
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December 31, 1934, of \$3.40 per
share, making, with the interim
dividend of \$3.60 per share paid
on May 22, 1935, a total of \$7.00
per share.

The amount shown as standing
at credit of 1935 account is
\$2,041,516.50, out of which it is
further recommended that an in-
terim dividend of \$3.60 per
share be now paid for that year.

RAW RUBBER PRICES

Latest Quotations From
Singapore

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co.
have received the following quo-
tations in Straits currency from
Singapore for Raw Rubber.

Buyers:
Spot25 Unchanged
July/Sept.25 1/2 Unchanged
Oct./Dec.25 1/2 Unchanged
Jan./March25 Unchanged
Market:—Dull.

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COMMITMENTS SHOULD
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Messrs. White, Weld and Com-
pany, New York Correspondents
for Messrs. S. E. Levy and Com-
pany, report:—

"Stocks.—The market again to-
day was generally downward and
traders are still holding off. We
expect a continuance of this drift-
ing movement in the near future
and we would delay commitments
pending a definite turn for the
better. Business done:—600,000
shares.

"Wheat:—Although prices to-
day were downward, the under-
lying sentiment is still good. We
would take advantage of any ad-
vances to dispose of holdings.
Total sales:—19,090,000 bushels.

"Cotton:—Rains are still need-
ed for the growing crop. To-day's
prices were slightly downward on
an unusually quiet market.

"Rubber:—There was no partic-
ular feature on to-day's market.
Traders are still somewhat at a
loss to interpret the effects of the
lowering of the Dutch native ex-
port duty. Buyers are still scarce
and consumers are still deferring
replacement buying, pending a
more certain outlook, but we be-
lieve that an attractive buying
range should occur in the near fu-
ture, which will probably bring
out would-be purchasers.

Business done:—45 lots.

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have
been received by Reuter.

Prev. Yesterday
Closing Closing

New York Cotton:—
May11.58 11.58
July11.26 11.26
October10.27 10.27
December10.29 10.27
January10.29 10.27
March10.31 10.31
Spot11.63 11.63

New York Rubber:—
May15.23 15.20b
July15.34 15.31
September15.45 15.42
December15.55 15.54a
January15.58a 15.56b
March15.64b 15.64

Chicago Wheat:—
May93 92 1/2
July85 84 1/2
September84 84 1/2
Chicago Corn:—
July60 60 1/2
September58 58 1/2
Winnipeg Wheat:—
May77 77
July78 78 1/2
October79 79 1/2

Cald., Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$19 1/2 n.
Cald., Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$15 n.
Canton Ices \$1 1/2 n.
Cements \$10 n.
H.K. Ropes \$4.40 n.
Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms \$19 1/2 b., \$20 s.
\$20 sa.
Watsons \$3.35 b., \$3.45 sa.
Lane, Crawford \$6 1/2 n.
Mackintoshes \$5 n.
Sinceres \$1.80 n.
Wm. Powells 50 cts. n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$50 n.

Miscellaneous
Entertainments \$2.90 n.
S. C. Enterprises \$1.35 n.
Macao "Greyhounds" \$2 n.
Constructions (old) \$1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new) 30 cts. b.
Vibro Piling \$4 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 G&Bds. —
93 3/4 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 5 1/2% prem.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan par. b.
Wallace Harpers \$4 n.

Public Utilities
H.K. Tramways \$11.15 b., \$11.20
sa.
Peak Trams (old) \$7 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$3 n.
Star Ferries \$8 1/2 n.
Yamuti Ferries \$19 n.
C. Lights (old) \$10.60 b.
C. Lights (new) \$7.25 b., \$7 1/2
sa.

H.K. Electric \$51 sa.
Macao Electric \$20 n.
Sandakan Lights \$8.20 n.
Telephones (old) \$25 b.
Telephones (new) \$9 n.
China Buses \$11 1/4 n.
Singapore Trams 23/- b.
Singapore Trams Pref. 28/-
n.

Industrials
Malabon Sugars \$3.40 n.

LOCAL DOLLAR
STEADY

Silver Prices Steady

The local dollar is steady,
opening on demand this morning
at 1/3 3/4 d.

"Spot" silver remained steady
at 20 3/4, while "forward" was also
steady at 20 7/16.

The London on New York cross-
rate was quoted at \$—U.S.\$4.97 1/2,
as compared with \$—U.S.\$4.96 1/2,
while the New York on London
cross-rate was quoted at \$—U.S.
\$4.97 1/2, as compared with \$—
U.S.\$4.96 1/2.

MORE TAXATION
IN GERMANY

Revenue Steadily
Increasing

Berlin, To-day.
Germany will require to raise
a further milliard marks' re-
venue from taxation during the
present financial year, declared
Herr Reinhardt, State Secretary
of the Ministry of Finance, at
a meeting of revenue officials at
Eisenach. He said that the re-
venue from taxation was steadily
increasing, the figure last year
showing an increase of 1,445,000,000 marks over
that of 1934.—Reuter.

REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

Berlin, to-day.—The Reich-
smark was quoted yesterday with-
out guarantee at: New York,
40.41; Paris, 613; Amsterdam,
59.635; and London, 12.31. Paris
quoted the Pound sterling at 75.31
to 75.36, and the U.S. dollar at
15.165 to 15.16 7/8.—Trans-Ocean
Service.

BRITISH REVENUE
RETURNS

Exchequer Figures
Issued

London, To-day.
The exchequer returns show
that the total ordinary revenue,
excluding self-balancing items,
amounts to £61,137,814, compared
with £67,716,706 at the corre-
sponding date in 1935. The total
ordinary expenditure, exclusive of
self-balancing items, is £91,689-
281, compared with £88,910,168 at
the corresponding date of last
year.—British Wireless Service.

WHOLESALE
PRICES

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prices for the first quarter of
1936, as compared with the first
quarter of 1935, and the years
1931, 1934 and 1935, (based on
declarations of quantities and
values furnished to the Statistical
Office of the Imports and Exports
Department by Hong Kong im-
porters and exporters), are as
follows:—

1922=100

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135.2 85.9 74.2 78.9 95.7
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Average: 126.6 91.5 77.9 81.5 98.9

NEW
ADVERTISEMENTS

E. R.

NOTICE

KOWLOON WATER SUPPLY.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that
commencing on FRIDAY,
15th May, the hours of supply in
all districts of Kowloon and New
Kowloon will be—
6—9 a.m.
4.30—7.30 p.m.

A. G. W. TICKLE
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 13th May, 1936.

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NOTICE

THE MAY HALF-YEARLY
GENERAL MEETING of
VOTING MEMBERS will be held
at the Club House, Happy Valley,
on THURSDAY, 28th May, 1936,
at 5.30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially
invited to attend and participate
in any discussion which may
ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,
S. A. SLEAP,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 8th May, 1936.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

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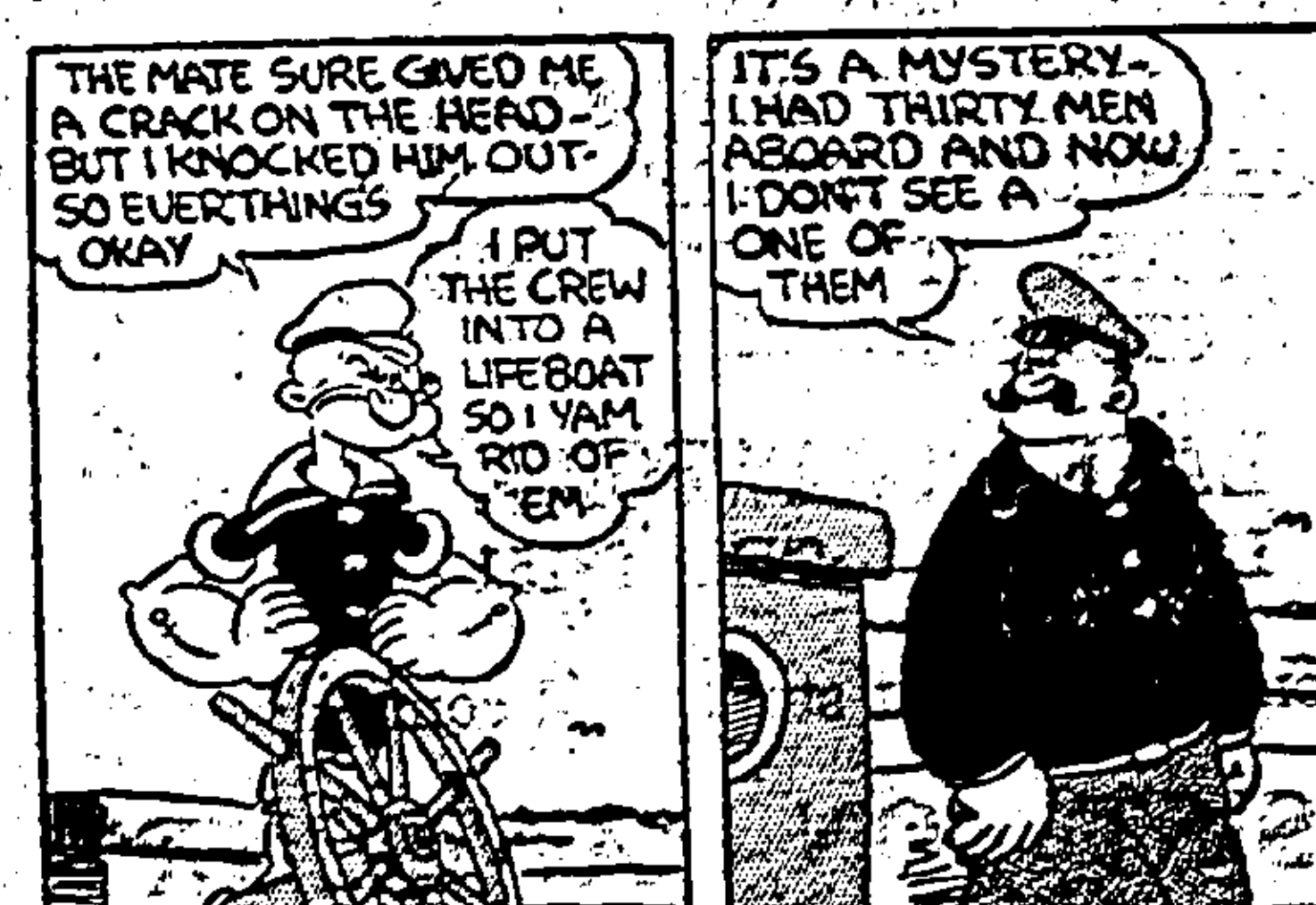
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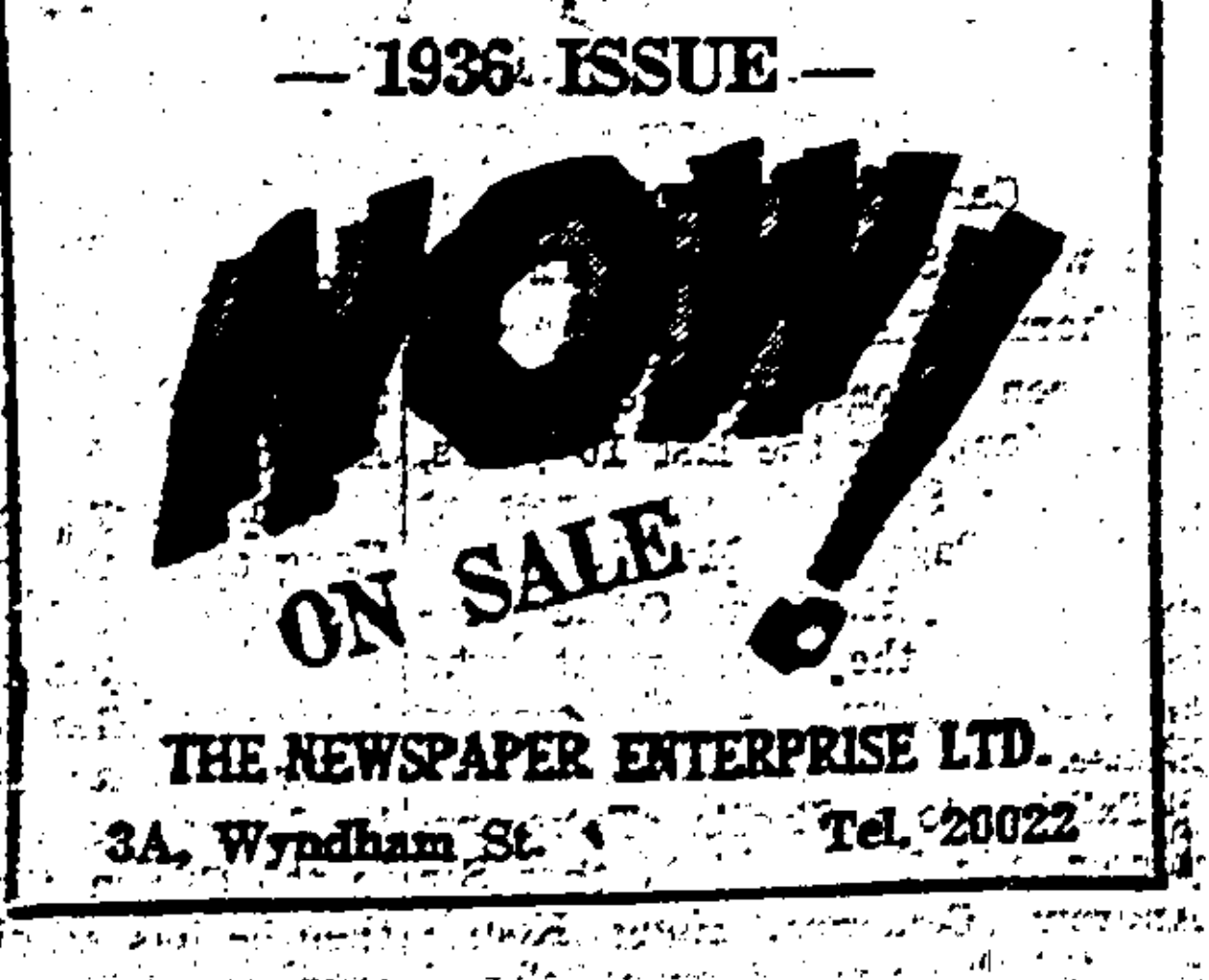
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CANTON STUDENTS QUIET

No Anti-Japanese Trouble Feared

EXAMINATIONS TO BE HELD AT USUAL TIME

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Canton, To-day.

Persistent rumours that the universities and colleges here would begin the summer holidays earlier this year for fear that students might take part in anti-Japanese activities were laid to rest on Monday afternoon by a denial from the Provincial Department of Education.

All schools here will continue their classes until late June or early July, according to schedule. The universities have received no instructions from the Ministry of Education to hold examinations earlier than scheduled.

This means that no student agitations are expected and, even if they should arise, the military authorities in Canton and Nanking are quite capable of dealing with them. Nor is there any fear of a Sino-Japanese war at the moment in view of the friendly relations between Nanking and Tokyo.

The National Government is doing everything to meet Japan more than half-way, as General Chiang Kai-shek, head of the Government, feels that his troops are not in a position to wage war with Japan at the moment. He needs political reform and more effective control over the provinces.

Students are trying to raise objection to any pact with Japan for joint campaigns against the Reds. There is, however, nothing to show that such an agreement has been concluded.

DUM-DUM BULLETS

Another Accusation By Italy

CATEGORICAL DENIAL BY BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The Italian Ambassador, Signor Grandi, visited the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon and communicated the text of the law promulgated by Signor Mussolini in Rome on Saturday, placing Abyssinian territory under Italian sovereignty.

Press messages from Geneva report that a communication has been received by the League Secretariat from the Italian Government, renewing its allegations regarding the supply to the Ethiopian forces from British sources of dum-dum bullets. In a written answer to a Common question last week the Foreign Secretary said: "I wish to state in the most categorical manner that all the allegations that British firms have explosive or illegal ammunition to the Abyssinian Government for military purposes are entirely unfounded."

It is stated in London that if the allegations have been renewed at Geneva the British Government, which has already sent a reply to the League on a previous charge to this effect, will furnish a detailed rejoinder which will dispose of the allegations effectively and finally.—British Wireless Service.

WON'T LEAVE HER OLD HOME

Stubborn Old Lady Of Brighton

Martha Tizzard, an 86-year-old ex-actress, is so fond of her home in Brighton that she declined to move out when workmen came to demolish it.

Workmen thought that the house was unoccupied, but Mrs. Tizzard has been living there unobtrusively in two rooms since the time it was supposed to have been vacated.

The Corporation solicitor decided that it was necessary to secure a magistrate's order "in case she should remain awkward."

Mrs. Tizzard is not unaware of the drawbacks of her home. Part of the ceiling fell down some time ago, hitting her back. Some of the slates are off and she has a bucket to catch the rain.

"I shall stay here," she said, "until I have somewhere decent to go."



These four belles are Ginger Rogers, Jeanne Gray, Betty Grable and Joy Hodge, singing "Let Yourself Go" in "Follow The Fleet," starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. All the numbers for this rip-roaring musical from RKO Radio were written by Irving Berlin. The picture will shortly be released at the Alhambra Theatre.

AUSTRALIA WILL RESTRICT IMPORTS FROM U.S.

Plan For Redressing Adverse Trade Balance

The Sub-Committee of the Federal Cabinet which has been considering means of redressing Australia's adverse balance of trade with the United States has agreed on a basis for the restriction of American imports.

The Customs and the Department of Commerce are working out the details of the scheme, on which the strictest secrecy is being maintained before the Government's statement to Parliament.

The adverse balance is estimated at \$10,000,000 this year.

FRENCH BORDER INCIDENT

Emergency Measures In Kwangchowwan

INVESTIGATION ORDERED BY KWANGTUNG

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Canton, To-day.

Emergency measures are in force in Kwangchowwan owing to the fear of an outburst of the pent-up feelings of the Chinese against the French authorities following the alleged death of five and injury of 12 Chinese, the local vernacular papers stated yesterday morning.

The Kwangtung Provincial Government has instructed the county magistrate of Wuchuen to investigate the matter. So far the reports of death and injury are from unofficial sources, the exact number of casualties and causes of the shooting being unknown.

No official action is being taken by the Kwangtung Government, which has referred the matter to Dr. Kan Chia-hou, Special Delegate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Meanwhile Chinese papers state that the French in Kwangchowwan have closed the roads leading from the port to Chinese territory, and people going to or leaving Kwangchowwan have to proceed by water. There is considerable resentment by the Chinese there against the shooting, which was due to a misunderstanding.

COMPETITION FOR SISTER LINER

Warship Alternative.

It is understood that four firms which are tendering for the sister ship to the Queen Mary, namely:

John Brown & Co., Clydebank; Vickers Armstrong, Barrow and Elswick;

Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson, Wallsend-on-Tyne; and

Cammell Lairds of Birkenhead are also in the running for the new battleship contracts.

It is possible, therefore, that the firm or firms which lose the liner contract will be compensated by receiving a battleship order. This would be even more valuable from the wage-bill point of view.

While the total cost of a sister ship to the Queen Mary would not exceed \$5,500,000, the bill for a new battleship would amount to \$7,000,000, at least, of which 80 per cent. would be paid out in wages.

FUTURE OF "MONTE" REVENUE OF CASINO NOW INSUFFICIENT

Crushing Burden Of Public Services

NEW ARRANGEMENT PROPOSED TO STATE GOVERNMENT

Reforms which will completely alter the relations between Monte Carlo Casino and the Principality of Monaco are likely to be approved.

Secret negotiations have been proceeding between the casino company and the Monaco Government since January, and it is learned that the agreement of the Government to the proposals has been secured.

The reason for the proposed changes is the heavy losses which the company has suffered through the increasing cost of public services for which it is liable—particularly gas, electricity, water, road-making and upkeep, street lighting and drainage.

These expenses were very small when the arrangements were originally made. Now that the population of Monaco is about 30,000 they involve the casino company in an annual loss of over £130,000, of which the gas represents the greater part.

Steady Losses
It was proposed at a meeting of shareholders on April 28 that the State of Monaco should take back these public services, which show a loss, and also the concessions for tobacco, postage, telephone and telegraph services, printing and bill posting, which show a profit.

If the company has gross receipts of \$450,000 a year, 73 per cent. of this has to meet the cost of the public services. It is now to be proposed that on a gross revenue of that amount the company should pay the usual small Government taxes only, but on revenue between \$450,000 and \$730,000 the Government should take 40 per cent. of the extra revenue and on anything above that figure 30 per cent.

It is generally known that the financial position of the company has grown steadily worse since 1930. In \$500,000 of fresh capital had not been borrowed last autumn the casino would most probably have been compelled to close its doors, thus losing its gaming concession.

CORRESPONDENCE

Change!

(To the Editor, "China Mail".)

Sir,—Can you tell me any one place in Hong Kong where I can secure change for a dollar, with a more or less reasonable assurance that none of it will consist of counterfeit coins? For the love of Mike why don't the authorities do something?

BEYONK.

H. K. SINGERS

The next Recital of the Hong Kong Singers will take place on Thursday, May 28 in St. John's Cathedral at 9.15 p.m., when works of Bach and Parry will be sung. The choir meets for rehearsals as follows:—Tuesday, May 19, 5.30 p.m. (Union Church), Wednesday, May 20, 9 p.m. (St. John's Cathedral), Monday, May 25, 5.30 p.m. (Union Church), Tuesday, May 26, 9 p.m. (St. John's Cathedral).

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Mrs. Frank Winfield, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Harry Woods, is arriving by the P. and O. liner Ranpura to-morrow. She is on the round trip to Japan.

The s.s. Rajputana is due here from Shanghai next Friday morning.

Mr. S. H. Langston returned to the Colony yesterday by the s.s. Talma after a business tour of Malaya and Siam.

Chi Fung, a coolie at the Shing Mun Reservoir, was accidentally electrocuted when he came into contact with a "live wire" yesterday. It appears that the man climbed up a bank and caught hold of an electric wire. The body was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

The fortnightly whist drive of the Craigengower Cricket Club will be held on Saturday, commencing at 9 p.m.

Two cases of diphtheria and one of measles were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended on Monday.

Chan Sze, a coolie at the Shing Mun Dam, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from a wound on the head, caused when he was attacked by another man armed with a chopper. His alleged assailant has been arrested.

Two men Au Kan-an and Lim Chow-chi, passengers in car No. 191, were admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries received when the car crashed into a tramway standard at 11 a.m. yesterday.

SHARE MARKET

H.K. Stock Exchange Official Summary issued at 12.30 p.m. to-day.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks following the rise in London are in good demand, but otherwise business in local stocks is very limited and principal interest is centered in Philippine Gold shares which are an active market.

Hong Kong Banks \$1,555 b.

Union Insurances \$522½ b.

Antamoks \$2¼ b., \$2.70/2¼ sa.

Benguat Consolidated \$18¼ b.

Benguat Exploration 21 cts. b.

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Providents (old) \$1.20 s. & sa.

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Shai Cottons (new) Sh. \$39½ b.

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H.K. Land 4% Debentures 100.

Humphreys \$3½ b.

H.K. Trams \$11.15 b., \$11.20 sa.

China Light (old) \$10.60 b.

China Lights (new) \$7.35 b., \$7½ sa.

Electrics \$51 sa.

Telephones (old) \$25 b.

Singapore Traction 23½ b.

Dairy Farms \$19¼ b., \$20 sa.

Watsons \$3.35 b., \$3.45 sa.

Constructions (new) 30 cts. b.

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Govt. 3½% Loan par. b.

The R. A. Sergeants' Mass fortnightly whist drive and tombola will be held in the premises of the mess on Friday next, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

Messrs. H. S. V. Mossop, of No. 458, the Peak, and C. A. da Rosa, of No. 3, May Road, were each fined \$15 by Mr. S. F. Balfour at the Central Magistracy for allowing their dogs abroad on different dates without muzzle or lead.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.11 inch. The total since January 1 has been 9.61 inches, against an average of 14.78 inches.

One case of small-pox (imported), three of diphtheria (one imported), three of typhoid fever (one imported), one of measles (fatal) and one of cerebro-spinal meningitis, were notified in the Colony during the week ended on Saturday last.

The Hong Kong Aquarium Society is holding its monthly meeting in the Laboratory of the Biology Department of the University at 8.30 p.m. to-day. A talk will be given on "The Subsidiary Inhabitants of an Aquarium," and the new rules and bye-laws will also be presented by the Hon. Secretary. The meeting is open to the public and all persons of any nationality are welcome.

BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY

Consultation With The Dominions

London, To-day.

The Dominions Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, assured a member who questioned him in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the Dominions and the future of the mandated territories, that the established principle of consultation with the Dominion Governments on question of foreign policy would be fully observed.—British Wireless Service.

BRITON KILLED IN BUENOS AIRES

Mortally Wounded By Masked Bandit

William Spiller, a British accountant, native of Cressington, Liverpool, has died in the British hospital in Buenos Aires from injuries received in a struggle with a bandit.

The bandit, masked, entered the office where Spiller was working, and attempted to seize the keys of the safe. Spiller resisted him. The bandit escaped without having taken anything, leaving Spiller gravely injured.

ATHLETE'S CHANGE OF SEX

Another Operation

Mr. Zdenek Koubek, formerly known as Miss Zdenka Koubkova, who, as a woman, was champion of the world over 800 metres, last month underwent another operation in a Prague hospital in the process of changing his sex.

He will remain in hospital for several weeks.

Mr. Koubek, who has been visited in hospital by his fiancée daily, is now a handsome young man. He has already begun to grow a beard.

More Trolley-Buses For London Streets

Mr. Thomas, general manager of road transport to the London Transport Board, told a Select Committee of the House of Commons that by the end of the year 750 trolley-buses will be on the roads in the London area.

The committee, presided over by Sir Henry Cautley, is considering the Bill promoted by the board for a programme of expansion of transport facilities.

Mr. Thomas said that trolley-buses are now running over 59 miles of route and that work is in progress in connection with the conversion to trolley working of 107 miles. The board asked to be given power to convert a further 62 miles and would then have powers covering more than half their tramway system.

Mr. Ritson, a member of the committee, said that he could understand that trolley-buses had the advantage of being more mobile than trams, but he would like to know if they did not cause more accidents.

Mr. Thomas said that was not the case. Accidents were fewer.

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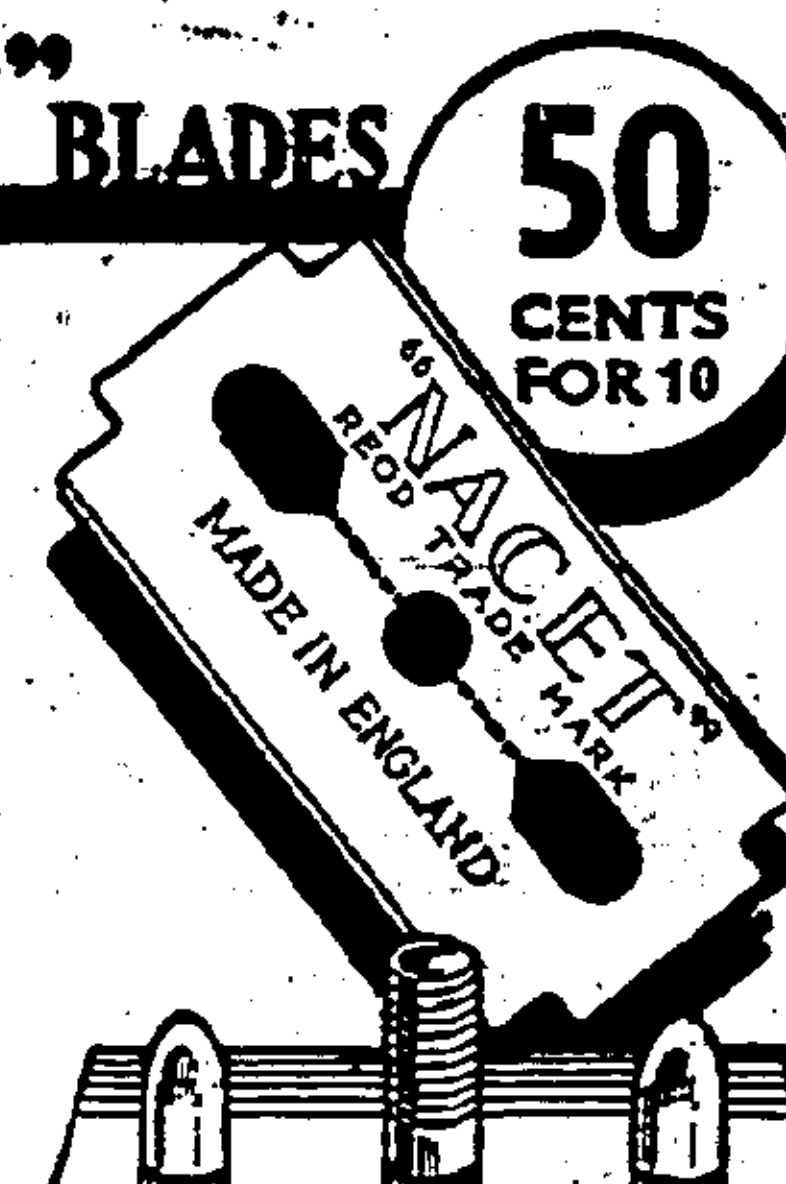
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President and Mrs. Roosevelt pictured in their car as the Chief Executive returned to the White House from his 20-day fishing vacation in the waters of the Bahamas.

Strategy And Peter

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brothers and sisters. When Betty had blossomed from schoolgirl gawkins into an unusually lovely girl, it was Peter who kept all the adulation she received from going to her head. Any airs and graces she felt inclined to affect were speedily laughed out of court, and Peter's sturdy refusal to see in her anything more than the quite mortal girl he had bossed had shielded and cared for all his short life, restrained any impulse she might have had to overtake her own importance.

As for the endless string of ardent young men who continually vied with each other for Betty's favours, the one essential in her eyes was that they should pass muster with Peter. She had always asked his opinion since that time when he had found out that the retired English army officer, who was always calling, armed with flowers and chocolates, wasn't an English army officer at all and had a perfectly good wife in Sydney. What Peter didn't know about that affair was that Betty had nearly eloped with him, as he wanted her, for at eighteen a runaway marriage seemed the most romantic thing in the world.

Since then she had flirted a little, danced a lot, and been made love to even more but without any undue flutterings of that organ which Peter was wont to declare she didn't possess at all, her heart. At twenty-two she went off on the grand tour without promising to write to anyone except Peter.

"Now, don't you go falling in love with any French or Italian counts when I'm not there to stop it," he had admonished her. "I think, perhaps, I had better marry you myself before you go, just in case. Think how pleased our mothers would be."

Betty had shrieked with laughter at the idea of marrying Peter, and told him she did want a little bit of romance with her marriage. And Peter had laughed, too, though not quite so uproariously, for, of course, he had not been serious. And though it was Peter's face she had last seen when the crowd on the wharf became indistinguishable, and she had felt quite a little pang of regret when the violets he had given her faded and their fragrance no longer filled the cabin, she didn't remember him over much during the ensuing twelve months except on mail days, or when she couldn't quite classify a

new acquaintance, and felt she would like Peter's critical, "I like that chap," or "Wouldn't have too much to do with him, Bet, if I were you. He'll bear watching." Funny how Peter could sum a man up at a glance, almost. And he was seldom wrong. It was just that faculty for gauging men that had made him a junior partner in his firm at the age of twenty-six.

No, she hadn't thought of him much while she'd been away, but she certainly hadn't expected to come back to a Peter in love. Somehow Betty had never thought of Peter married. It didn't seem right. Why, things could never be the same between them if he owed first allegiance to some other woman. And all at once Betty felt fiercely jealous of that other girl who had ousted her in Peter's regard.

That she had been ousted was abundantly proved to her in the next week. A year ago there had always been a lunch or a belated afternoon tea after office hours, tucked in between Betty's manifold engagements every few days. She used to enjoy them. And Peter had a way of dropping round after dinner to tell her the latest news, or find out if she wanted an escort to wherever she was going for the evening. But now for a whole week she neither saw nor heard of him, and at the end of it she felt slightly hurt, and not a little lonely.

At the end of the week she rang him up. Funny she had never noticed before what a nice voice Peter had.

"That you, Peter? Come round and play with me to-night. I'm bored with everybody."

"Sorry, old thing, I can't. Got another engagement. See you sometime soon."

Betty's face burned as she hung up the receiver. That from Peter, who, before, had never had another engagement when Betty needed an entertaining, who, twelve months ago, would have been round in the shortest possible time, wanting to know what they'd do.

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JOSEPHINE BAKER WINS ACTION

Costumes Too Light For Open Air

Miss Josephine Baker, the coloured American dancer, who has had a large following in France since she made it her adopted country several years ago, has just won a lawsuit.

An action was brought against her by the management of the Nature Theatre at Poitiers. It was alleged that she had broken her contract by failing to appear at an open-air performance on June 22, 1934.

The sum of £135 was claimed as damages.

Miss Baker gave illness as the reason for her non-appearance.

The Court yesterday decided that she was justified in her refusal to appear in the open air "wearing the extra-light costumes which have contributed to her success, as otherwise she might have risked losing her frail voice."

UNDERTAKERS GO ON STRIKE

Quarrel About Fees For Pauper Burials

Undertakers in Newcastle, New South Wales, are on strike on the question of lowered Government fee for the burial of destitute persons.

As the first effect of the strike, a body was left in the mortuary

**TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME**

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (345 K.C.s).

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1.03 p.m.—Four Songs by Richard Crooks (Tenor).

1.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestral Luncheon Programme.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Press News. Local: Weather Forecast, time and announcements.

1.40 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestral Luncheon Programme.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7.11 p.m.—European Programme.

7 p.m.—A Relay from Daventry.

Big Ben: Quentin Maclean at the Organ of the Trocadero Cinema, Elephant and Castle.

7.15 p.m.—"The Three Men Suite" (Eric Coates) played by Light Symphony Orchestra.

1. The Man from the Country.

2. The Man About Town.

3. The Man from the Sea.

7.30 p.m.—De Groot and his Orchestra.

Samson and Delilah—Selection (Saint-Saens).

La Paloma (Yradier).

Destiny (Baynes).

Waldteufel Memories (arr. Finck).

Fantasia on Scottish Airs (arr. Mulder).

8 p.m.—Local: Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Recital by Mrs. E. O. Drake (Soprano) accompanied by Nura Kanis.

Programme

1. Thank God for a Garden Del Rio.

2. None but the Lonely Heart Tchaikovsky.

3. Waltz Song—"Merrie England" Edward German.

4. The Hills Frank La Farge.

5. Annie Laurie Lisa Lehmann.

8.20 p.m.—Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler.

1. Humoreske, Op. 101, No. 7 Dvorak.

2. Caprice Viennois—Kreisler.

3. Serenade—Lehar.

4. Liebesleid (Love's Sorrow) Kreisler.

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9 p.m.—A Relay of the Daventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).

9.20 p.m.—Songs by Mary Kay (Contract).

1. My Ain Folk (Mills).

2. A Brown Bird Sings (Haydn Wood).

3. Love's Old Sweet Song (Molloy).

9.30 p.m.—From the Studio.

A Jazz Recital by Ozo and His Boy Friends.

10 p.m.—Big Ben: Band Selections.

Martha—Selection (Flotow).

El Abasco—March (arr. Hume).

Under the Banner of Victory—March (Von Blon).

Patience—Selection (Sullivan).

The Bells of St. Malo (Rimner).

Semper Fidelis March (Souza).

10.30 p.m.—Old Dance Favourites.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

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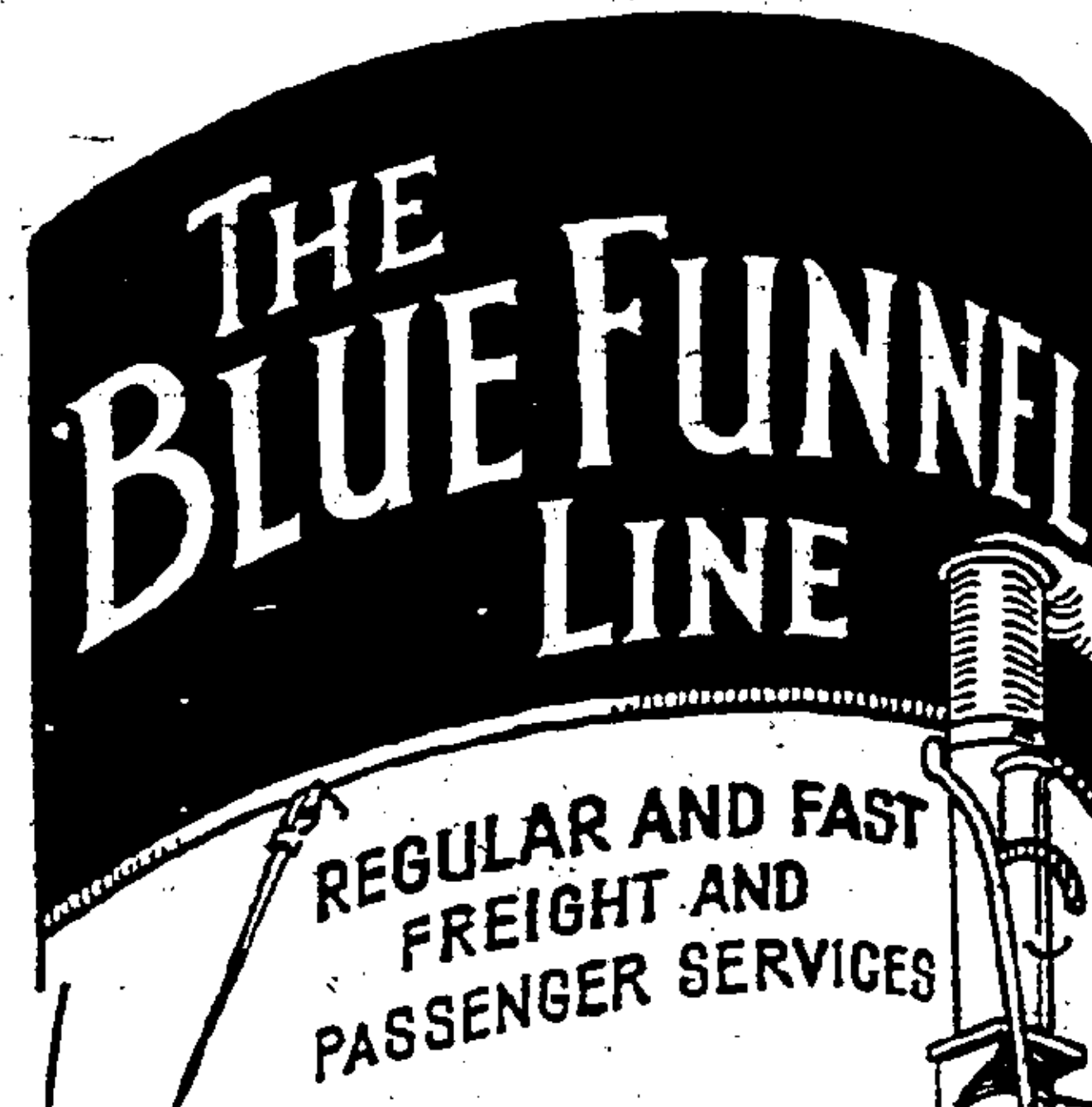
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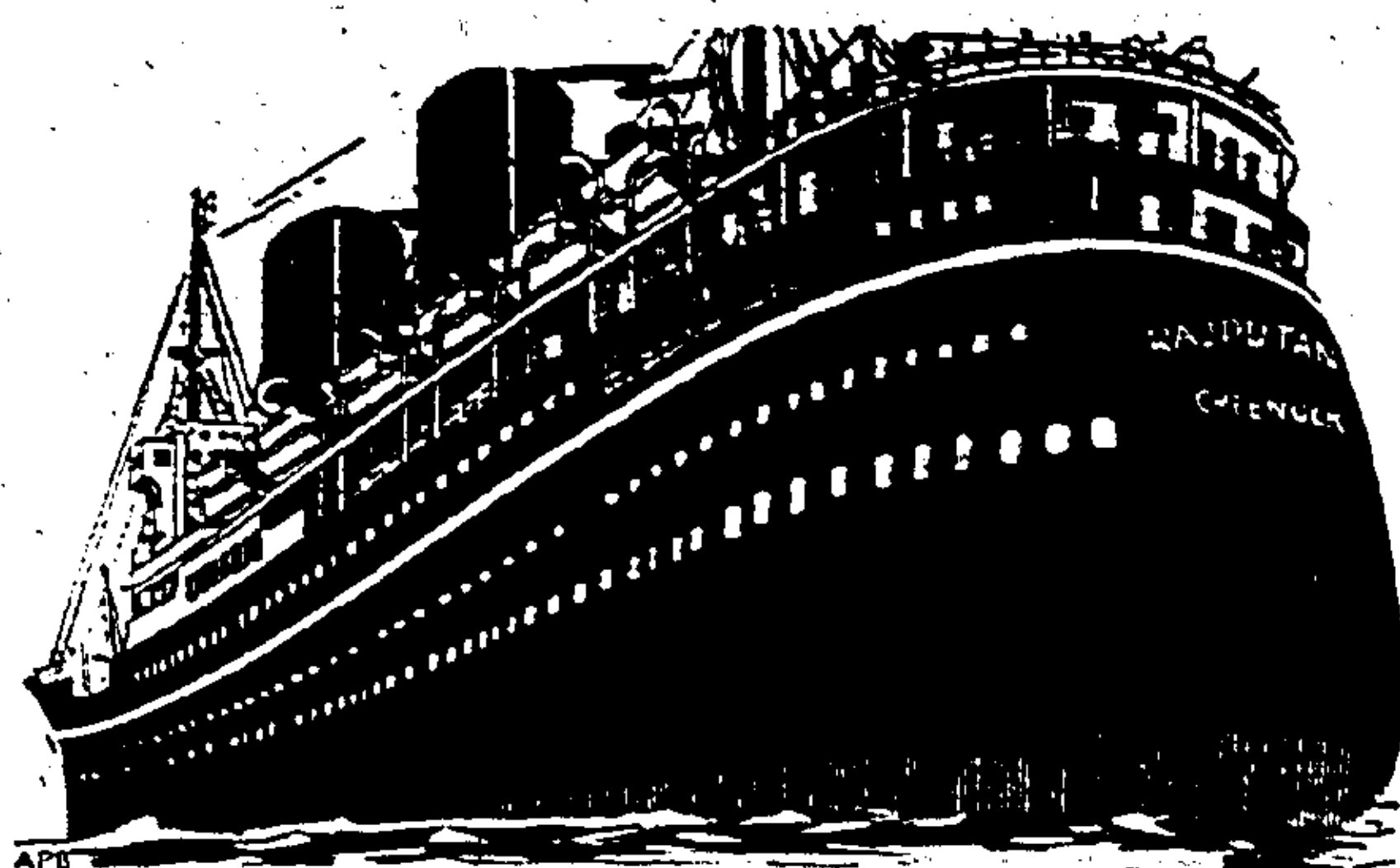
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LORD BALFOUR'S PLACE IN HISTORY

(Continued from Col. 6)

"Joe" broke Gladstone, whom he detested. I think he could also have broken Balfour, whom he heartily admired for the qualities which he himself lacked. He steadily refused, however, to raise the standard of actual revolt, though he withdrew from the Cabinet to educate opinion from outside.

Two Opportunities

Twice in the after years Balfour might have climbed again to what Disraeli called "the top of the greasy pole." Or, in Bacon's phrase, he could twice have skipped to the top of "the winding stair." He might have succeeded Asquith in the crisis of December, 1916. Bonar Law offered him the prize in the Mail as they came away from the famous interview with the King at Buckingham Palace. He pressed him again when they reached Balfour's house in Carlton House Gardens. He offered to serve under him, and suggested that Asquith and Lloyd George might consent to do the same.

Balfour's answer was a steadfast No and No and No. Why? Because he knew that he had not the qualities required in a War Minister, and that the one man who did possess them was L.G.

And yet, ironically enough, the very crisis itself had been worked up at that precise moment by L.G., Carson, and a few others with the twofold object of removing not only Asquith from the Chairmanship of the War Cabinet, but Balfour from the Admiralty.

Balfour was well aware of it, and yet urged L.G.'s claims to the Premiership. There was no jealousy in his disposition. More remarkable still, there was no thought of self.

To Foreign Office

The new Premier transferred Balfour to the Foreign Office in the room of Grey. It was the one Department for which he was ideally fitted. For Balfour was a master hand in the drafting of a difficult diplomatic Note, and when he was Head of the British Mission to the U.S.A. the gravest obstacles melted away in his presence.

The second time that he might have become Premier was in 1922, when the post-war Coalition was disintegrating fast, and the only question was who should strike the finishing blow. Balfour was absent in the United States. The dissatisfied Conservatives waited his return, and hoped that he would fall in with their plans. They might have known him better.

During the midnight scene in the Cabinet Room at No. 10, when the defection of Lord Curzon—who that afternoon had made his own terms with Bonar Law—was revealed, it was Balfour's indignation at the treachery which found the most scathing expression. He was neither Brutus, nor Cassius, nor Casca in Caesar's fall. The highest place—as such—had no attraction for him. He had occupied it once, and he had found it uncongenial. Nor, indeed, was it the place best suited to his talents or his temperament.

The fastidious are rarely strong administrators, nor are philosophers brilliant men of action. Balfour's early success at the Irish Office may be attributed largely to a cool and disdainful courage in the face of venomous attacks before which his predecessors had flinched and retired broken in health or spirit.

Failed Later

He was to fail later at the Admiralty because he accepted, or seemed to accept, too complacently the ever-growing menace of the German submarines.

The form in which he drafted the communiques which told the news of the Battle of Jutland brought on him a storm of criticism. He seemed insensible to the effect they were bound to have on the public mind. Those who felt exasperation, however, did not realise that, undismayed himself, he assumed the public nerve to be as steady as his own.

But his understanding of the common man was apt to be defective. He neither read the



Since his coronation, His Holiness Pope Pius XI has appeared yearly on the balcony of St. Peter's to conduct the Easter service in St. Peter's Square. This Easter Day, because of His Holiness' weakened condition, Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, conducted the service, while the Pope celebrated Mass in his private chapel. He spent the afternoon in his apartments in the Vatican with members of his family.

Strategy And Peter

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And suddenly she felt an absurd inclination to throw herself on the big couch and cry her heart out in the bitterness of the knowledge that it was only in losing Peter that she had been able to discover she loved him.

newspapers nor cared what they said.

Yet his power of vision was equal to the flexibility of his intellect. True, he manifestly underrated the strength of the gale of nationalist feeling when it began to blow from all quarters of the compass. He had no belief in panaceas, least of all in Wilsonian self-determination.

Note On War Debts

On the other hand, he adopted Zionism with an astonishing degree of enthusiasm. His Cabinet memorandum of 1917, in which he strongly emphasized the perils which must attend a total disruption of the Austrian Empire, is a standing monument to his political prescience. His famous Note on War Debts, which irritated instead of convincing American opinion, proposed to secure by agreement the cancellation of which economic necessity has since imposed upon the general impetuosity of all.

It was Balfour, too, who composed, when the collective wisdom of the Imperial Conference had failed, the ingenious formula which, embodied later in the Statute of Westminster, abolished for ever the supremacy of the Imperial Parliament over the self-governing Dominions of the British Empire and left the Crown as the only link.

That was certainly the most historic and irrevocable of Balfour's "half-sheets of note-paper." The implications he then wrote between its lines in invisible ink will become manifest and legible as Fate may ordain.

"Richieu"

"Gentlemen," said Clemenceau, as Balfour entered the Conference Room at Versailles in 1919, "let me introduce you to the Richieu of the Conference."

It was a superb compliment—the greatest a Frenchman could offer. "What, then, may I call you, M. le President?" said Balfour, somewhat taken aback for the moment. "Call me your friend!" said the Tiger, laying his hand upon the other's arm.

The Richieu of the Conference was under no illusions as to the limits of what the representatives of the Allies could do or as to the defects of what, when the last signature had been appended, they had done.

But freely as he talked on most themes to his biographer he was reticent on this, when, accepting old age as lightly as Marcus Cato himself, and scarcely recognising its onset till the end was near, he unsealed the confidences which will give its permanent merit and place to this illuminating

"Fool," she told herself savagely. "Fool. Why couldn't I realise before that there has really never been anyone except Peter. Just because I knew him so well I thought we could never be anything but friends. Twelve months ago I could have made him love me. There was no one else then, I'm sure of that. Now it's too late."

Strangely enough it didn't occur to Betty to try and win him back. Instead she decided to show Peter that she could do without him, and for the next fortnight was so gracious to young Dr. Martin that that promising young medical practitioner several times trembled precariously on the brink of a proposal, and bought a suburban practice on the strength of a chance remark that she thought that suburb quite a nice place to live in.

When Peter rang her up and suggested lunch she said, "Too busy!" and rang off before he could propose another date. She wasn't picking up crumbs and being grateful, she told herself defiantly. Next time he rang, a week later, it was harder to refuse. Betty was miserable.

So to hide her unhappiness, Betty danced more gaily than ever, and steadily refused to accept any of Peter's invitations, which were quite surprisingly frequent now. One day they met in town and Betty's heart had given a very foolish flutter as he tucked his arm in hers and walked up the street talking in his old eager way of the hundred and one things they always had to talk about.

"Very elusive, these days, are you, Bet?" he said. "I've hardly seen you since you came back. Who's the latest victim?"

Betty conquered a treacherous choke in her voice and managed a light laugh.

"Oh, you don't want to be bothered with me, Peter, when you're in love. By the way, who is she?" She hoped her voice sounded casual.

"Who is who?" "Stupid. The girl you were telling me you'd fallen in love with."

"Oh, I see. Well—funny enough, she's called Betty, too. Must be something in the name that appeals to me. Afraid I'll have to desert you now. Got an important conference."

Not very illuminating about the unknown's identity. It almost seemed as if Peter didn't want to discuss the girl with her. They met again some days later at a private dance. Peter was late, but Betty gave him her two last dances, and they danced the first through in unusual silence. Betty would have liked to introduce the subject of the other Betty, who, as far as she could see, was certainly not at the dance, but Peter gave her no opening, and seemed very preoccupied. Just before he gave her up to her next partner he said, "Don't be late for our next, Betty. I've got something I want to ask you."

Very unlike Peter—to hedge in that way about anything he wanted to say to her. She puzzled over it for two or three dances while her partners wondered what had happened to make the gay and sparkling Betty so abnormally quiet. When he claimed her for his second dance, Peter didn't seem in any hurry to tell her what it was he wanted, so finally she reminded him.

"You said you wanted to ask me something. Is it very portentous

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And Betty, throwing all her good resolutions to the winds, promised. There was a hint of spring in the air next day, and Peter, watching Betty come down the steps of the house as he drew up before the gate, thought she had never looked so lovely. She wore a frock of blue that matched the colour of her eyes and a hat that skilful French fingers had given a saucy tilt. And Betty, looking at Peter piling out of the car and coming to meet her, wondered how she could ever have been anything but wildly in love with him. Nobody could have called Peter handsome, but there was something very likeable about his cheery grin and his well-built six feet of muscle and tan.

"Where to?" she said, as they climbed in after she had duly admired the shininess of the new sports model. "A little canter round the suburbs and then anywhere you like. I want to show you something," and Peter "stepped on it" with such vigour that it was several blocks before she gathered breath again. Ten minutes' driving brought them to a delightful little house set well back in its grounds on a quiet street. Peter drew up with a flourish before the front gate, and turned to his passenger.

"Nice little place?" "Rather!" said Betty. "Pet of a spot. Who owns it? Are we visiting, or what?"

"No one there. We're house inspecting. Come on in and inspect. As a matter of fact, it's mine." Peter explained with considerable pride as he led her up the path. "I've just bought it, and wanted to see what you thought of it."

"Why bring me?" Betty thought, miserably, as Peter took her inside and began to extol the virtues of the house. "He ought to have the other girl. But I suppose she chose it."

It was an adorable house. Just the house that Betty would have loved to live in—with Peter. She forced herself to think of Peter living there, with the other Betty, and succeeded in being more

thoroughly wretched than she thought it possible for any human to be. "Oh, if he'd only stop telling me how nice it is," she moaned to herself, and when Peter turned to her in the tiny hall and said, "Well, what do you think of it?" as she would do could not stop two large tears from trickling down her cheeks.

Peter seized her by the shoulders and forced her to look up at him. "Why, Betty, what are crying for? Don't you like the house? Doesn't it make any difference? You know, I bought it for you, but I suppose I've been a clumsy fool, as usual. Darling—"

Betty freed herself from his grasp and looked up at him. "Peter, what do you mean? Are you telling me that you—that—"

"What I'm trying to tell you is that I love you, but I seem to have made a horrible mess of it." "Not such a mess, Peter." She was in his arms again, but closer, this time. "You mean?" "Just that, my own."

It was quite a long time afterwards that she remembered the other Betty, whose place she had apparently very completely usurped, but when she ventured a question, Peter cut her short. "I suppose I've got to explain, but you'll have to forgive me, sweetheart. I was a desperate man. You see I've always loved you, Betty, even when you were a schoolgirl with two plaits down your back. But when you grew up there were always such a lot of others, and before you went away last year you made it pretty plain that you didn't think of me as a romantic figure. So I thought, perhaps, if I wasn't always hanging round, you might miss me a little, and as I had to have some excuse for not coming when you called, I invented a love affair. But things didn't turn out quite the way I expected, for you didn't seem to miss me at all, and wouldn't even see me. So I staked everything on a last throw; and bought this house, hoping you might think it wouldn't be so bad to live here with me. It must have been a good scheme, for it's worked all right. Are you angry with me, darling?"

Betty knew she should have been, but all her defences were down now, and Peter bent his head very low to catch her answer. "Not so very!"

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CONFIDENCE WANES IN PARIS

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Paris: The news that the Italian delegation has left Geneva had the effect of a bombshell here. It is considered the forerunner of Italy's complete withdrawal from the League. The opinion is expressed that the crisis which has been smouldering in the League of Nations has now come to a climax. The *Intransigent* asks how the League will now get out of the mess of sanctions in which it has so clumsily engaged itself? If it refuses to accept the fait accompli presented by Italy, the great question is whether it is not again assuming a task too big for it to master?

ENTHUSIASM IN ROME
Rome: The public here is enthusiastic at Signor Mussolini's action in ordering the Italian delegation to leave Geneva. The *Giornale d'Italia* writes: "It is completely immaterial whether a foolish attempt is being made in Geneva to hold back the clock of history. Time will go on just the same and with it the irresistible work which Italy has allowed to the honour of Europe and the whole of civilisation."

Italy, it is learned from responsible quarters, does not for the time being plan actually to withdraw from the League, as long as there appears a possibility of coming to an understanding—Trans-Ocean Service.

Paul Boncour Pleads For Moderation

BUT PESSIMISM KEYNOTE OF FRENCH PRESS COMMENTS

Paris: The relatively calm atmosphere in which Sunday's proceedings took place at Geneva is attributed by Geneva correspondents of Paris papers to the efforts of M. Paul-Boncour, who is stated to have strongly urged the various statesmen whom he met, and particularly Baron Aloisi, to adopt an attitude of moderation. The papers, however, think that the danger of a serious conflict with Italy has not yet been averted, since the League Council has unanimously decided to leave the Abyssinian question on the agenda, thereby emphasising that the Italian Government's action does not constitute a satisfactory final solution to the matter. Hence, political parties believe that Italy will refuse to take part in any discussions on the Abyssinian question when the Council again meets in June.

If this should be the case, says the *Petit Journal*, the Council would be compelled to adhere strictly to a jurisdictional standpoint and this would result in the continuance of the sanctions which would in the long run cause an irreparable breach between Italy and the League of Nations.

This pessimistic view is backed up by *L'Ouvre*, which believes in the probability of Italy's expulsion from the League.

The Socialist organ *Populaire*—to whose utterances considerable weight now attaches in view of the recent political developments in France—criticises M. Paul-Boncour for not taking part in Monday's debate and refraining from making a declaration in favour of Mr. Anthony Eden's proposal to leave the Abyssinian question on the agenda. The paper expresses the hope that the French delegate will break his silence when the Council discusses the question of adjourning the debate, which it will probably do on Tuesday or Wednesday.

JOURNALIST MISSING
Asmara: An Italian journalist who returned here on Monday from Addis Ababa reports that a German newspaper correspondent has been missing there since the outbreak of the disorders following the Emperor's flight, it being assumed, that he has been kidnapped by Abyssinian plunderers.

The Italian added that a detachment of Italian Askaris accompanied by the special correspondent of the *Voeikischer Beobachter* is conducting a search for the missing man.
BANK TO BE CLOSED
Addis Ababa: The Bank of Ethiopia, which was temporarily

MARQUESSATE FOR LORD WILLINGTON

London, To-day.
H.M. the King has conferred a Marquessate on the Earl of Willington. Lord Willington yesterday had an audience of His Majesty at Buckingham Palace on relinquishing the Viceroyalty of India.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service*.

CAN A BANK RISE FROM THE DEAD?

Law Lords Differ In Unusual Case

CLAIM OF £180,000 INVOLVED

"Is it to be said that a dissolved foreign corporation can arise from the grave in full life and vigour and be entitled to sue to recover property which for years has been the property of the Crown?"

In these words Lord Russell of Killowen expressed the problem that faced the House of Lords recently in an appeal. It was heard by Lord Russell, Lord Blanesburgh, Lord Atkin, Lord Macmillan, and Lord Maugham.

They gave reserved judgment allowing the appeal of the Russian and English Bank and Mr. F. M. Guedalla, solicitor. The respondents were Baring Brothers and Co. Ltd.

RUSSIAN WAR PURCHASES
The Law Lords were asked to vary an order made in the Chancery and Appeal courts staying all proceedings in an action claiming two sums of £80,000 and £100,000 as due to the Russian and English Bank.

Lord Atkin, delivering judgment, said that the question to be decided was whether the liquidator appointed after the Russian and English Bank had been ordered to be wound up might use the name of the bank to sue for recovery of the alleged debt. The claim was said to be in respect of purchases made for the former Russian Government during the war.

The Russian Government was alleged to have reimbursed the bank by orders upon Baring Brothers, who held an account for the Russian Government in London.

It was said by Baring Brothers that the bank was a Russian corporation which was dissolved by Russian law in or about 1918 and that, therefore, it could not sue.

Lord Atkin said he thought they were entitled to imply that a foreign corporation was to be wound-up in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act as though it had not been dissolved and therefore continued in existence.

Lord Blanesburgh and Lord Macmillan agreed with Lord Atkin, but dissenting judgments were delivered by Lord Russell of Killowen and Lord Maugham. Lord Russell said that when the Russian and English Bank ceased to exist 17 years ago the property which it owned in England became the property of the Crown.

The appeal was allowed by a majority of three to two.

UNDERTAKER DIES AT FUNERAL

Several Mourners Collapse

While the Rev. David Sykes, vicar of St. Katherine's, New Cross, was taking a funeral at the Old Cemetery, Forest Hill, last month one of the assistant undertakers collapsed and died. The coffin of Mr. W. T. Monkley, of Kilmore-road, S.E., fell to the ground. The widow fainted, and several mourners collapsed, and a very brief committal was read.

The dead undertaker was taken to the East Dulwich Grove Hospital.

ly reopened last week, will shortly be definitely closed down, according to information from Italian sources here, which state that the Italian authorities intend to establish a new banking system in Abyssinia. It is also declared that the Maria Theresa dollar, which is at present valued at six lire, will be devalued to five lire.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

EDEN PLAYS FOR TIME

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The Chilean delegate abstained from voting because he thought there was no object in continuing to apply sanctions now that the war had finished. The Ecuadorian representative intimated that his Government had already decided to raise sanctions. With these reservations the resolution was adopted.—*Reuter*.

ALOISI LEAVES GENEVA
Geneva: Baron Aloisi and the members of the Italian delegation left for Milan yesterday afternoon. They were cheered by a large crowd from the Italian colony and Italian League officials.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service*.

ROME IRRITATED
Rome: It is learned from authoritative circles that the order for the Italian delegation to leave Geneva was given from Rome "in consequence of the developments of the last few days at Geneva." It was admitted that the withdrawal undoubtedly had high significance but no information was forthcoming with regard to its precise nature. The Council's decision to allow sanctions to continue has raised much irritation here.

Geneva: It is not expected that Italy is leaving the League, as Baron Aloisi did not mention such a possibility when he called on M. Avenol, Secretary-General, at 1 p.m. yesterday. He announced that he had been instructed to leave Geneva with the entire delegation.—*Reuter*.

BALDWIN'S REPLY TO BADOGGIO

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Rome: Marshal Badoglio has refused to permit the Imperial Bank of Ethiopia to reopen. It will be replaced by a branch of the Bank of Italy.—*Reuter's Bulletin Service*.

AMERICA NONCOMMITTAL
Washington: The Italian Ambassador, Signor Rosso, called on Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, yesterday and formally notified him of Italy's annexation of Abyssinia. It is understood that he neither requested nor received an expression of the United States Government's attitude.—*Reuter*.

Firing On Red Cross Unit By Italians

Geneva: The Italian Government has informed the League of Nations Secretariat that the British complaint about Italian aeroplanes firing on a British Red Cross Unit at Quorom was unjustified, because the Italian authorities have ascertained that on March 3 Italian planes had been hit by anti-aircraft guns from a position marked with a red cross sheet.

The responsibility for the regrettable incident rested alone with those who did not prevent military acts from taking place immediately alongside of lazarrets, in violation of the Geneva Convention.—*Trans-Ocean Service*.

SUICIDE CASE BELIEVED

Theory In Bones And Noose Riddle

Clues have been found by the Bexhill police investigating the discovery of human bones and a noose outside the grounds of the East Sussex Mental Hospital at Hellingly, near Hailsham.

The police are working on the theory that the bones are those of a patient from the hospital.

In August a patient was reported missing, and has not been traced. They believe it was a suicide case.

WEATHER REPORT

Pressure continues to be highest over the Pacific to the east of Japan; it is relatively low over Indo-China. The depression is situated to the south of Korea, moving eastward. South-east winds, moderate; fair to showery, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

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